THE CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN WATRUS BECKWITH, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Savannah.

ATWELL, J. S., ...Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Savannah
BABBITT, D. D., P. TELLER, ...Rector of St. John's Church, Bainbridge
BARNWELL, R. W., Deacon, ...General Theological Seminary
BARNWELL, S. E., Deacon, ...Minister in charge of St. Mark's Church, Dalton
BENEDICT, D. D., SAMUEL, ...Rector of St. John's Church, Savannah
BOONE,* THOMAS.
BROWN,* EDMUND P.
CLARKE, WILLIAM H., ...Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta
CLUTE,* D. D., R. F., ...Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Darien
DENNISTON, EDWARD, ...Rector of Zion Church, Talbotton P. O., Opelika, Alabama
DRYSDALE, ALEXANDER I., ...Rector of Emmanuel Church, Athens
DUNLOP, HENRY, ...Deacon, Missionary, P. O. Savannah
ELLIOTT, R. W. B., ...Rector of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta
EPPES, WILLIAM E., ...Rector of St. James' Church, Marietta
ESTILL, REVERDY, ...Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta
FIELDING,* JOHN, ...Residing in South Carolina
GEORGE, J. HARDIN, ...Residing in Marietta
HALLAM,* FRANK, ...Deacon, Minister in charge of Calvary Church, Americus
HUNT, JOHN J., ...Marietta
HUNT, WILLIAM H., ...Deacon, residing in Atlanta
HUNTER, WILLIAM C., ...Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus
JOHNSON,* BENJAMIN, ...Rector of Christ Church, Macon
KNOWLES, JOSHUA, ...Rector Church of the Redeemer, Greenesboro'
KRAMER, WILLIAM P., ... Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta
LANEY, SAMSON D., ... Deacon, residing in Columbus and acting as Missionary
LOVE, J. ROBERT, ...Deacon, Minister in charge of St. Augustine Mission, Savannah
LUCAS, HENRY E., ...Rector of St. Mary's Church, Athens
MACAULEY, GEORGE, ...Rector of St. Luke's Church, Atlanta
MORTIMER,* GEORGE D. E., ...Rector of Christ Church, Savannah
PINKERTON, SAMUEL J., ...Missionary to Cartersville, etc.; P. O. Marietta
PRYSE,* JOHN T. .....Residing at Montpelier, near Macon
REES, H. KOLLOCK, ...Rector of St. Paul's Church, Macon
STANLEY, THOMAS C., ...Rector of St. Mathew's Church, Savannah
STONEY, JAMES M., ..Deacon, Minister in charge of St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.
THOMAS,* CHARLES W., ...Missionary; P. O. Griffin
WEED,* EDWIN G., ...Rector Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville; P. O. Augusta.
WILLIAMS, D. D., WILLIAM C., ...Rector of St. Peter's Church, Rome

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* Absent.

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LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Savannah.

THOMAS F. SCREVEN,
JOSEPH C. FOOTMAN.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

CHARLES J. JENKINS,
EDWARD P. CLAYTON,
GEORGE A. OATES.

Christ Church, Macon.

L. N. WHITTLE,
JOHN L. JONES,*
THOMAS U. CONNOR.

Trinity Church, Columbus.

N. N. CURTIS,*
D. S. PORTER,
H. F. ABELL.*

St. John's Church, Savannah.

JOHN R. JOHNSON,*
JOHN M. GUERARD,*
JOHN GAMMELL.*

St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

JOHN S. THOMAS,*
JAMES W. HERTY,
JOHN W. WILCOX.

St. James' Church, Marietta.

B. R. STRONG,*
THOMAS FREEMAN,
J. R. BRUMBY.*

Emmanuel Church, Athens.

W. L. BROUN,
CHARLES MORRIS,
T. A. BURKE.

St. Philip's Church Atlanta.

EDWARD PARSONS,
J. P. CRICHTON,*
W. J. MAGILL.

Church of the Mediator, Washington.

HENRY F. ANDREWS,*
WILLIAM C. POPE,*
W. E. SHELVERTON.*

Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

JOHN S. DAVIDSON,
S. H. SHEPARD,
B. F. HALL.*

St. Mark's Church, Dalton.

R. WARREN.

St. Paul's Church, Macon.

T. STANLEY BECKWITH,
G. E. SUSSDORF,*
WILLIAM HAZLEHURST.*

Church of Good Shepherd, Summerville.

W. W. MONTGOMERY.

St. Luke's Church, Atlanta.

J. H. GLOVER,
HENRY D. LAW,
R. J. MAYNARD.

Calvary Church, Americus.

U. B. HARROLD,
A. W. SMITH,*
E. J. ELDRIDGE.*

St. Mary's Church, Athens.

R. L. BLOOMFIELD,
GREEN BLAIR,
G. J. CONNELL.

St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.

JOHN B. HABERSHAM,*
JOHN R. BOSTWICK,
CHARLES L. SCHLATTER.*

Ascension Church, Cartersville.

W. H. STILES,*
W. G. TROWBRIDGE,*
WILLIAM WILLIFORD.*

*Absent.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

Bishop of the Diocese,

RT. REV. JOHN WATRUS BECKWITH, D. D., Savannah.

Standing Committee,

REV. W. H. CLARKE, President, Augusta,
REV. SAMUEL BENEDICT, D. D.,
REV. H. KOLLOCK REES,
MR. WILLIAM HUNTER,
MR. JOHN SCREVEN,
MR. JOHN M. GUERARD.

Treasurer of the Diocese,

JOSEPH WEED, ESQ., Savannah.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions,

JOHN R. JOHNSON, ESQ., Savannah.

Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for Support of the Episcopate,

ALFRED HAYWARD, ESQ., Savannah.

Trustees of the University of the South,

REV. WM. C. WILLIAMS, D. D., Rome; L. N. WHITTLE, ESQ., Macon; HON. CHARLES J. JENKINS, Augusta.

Deputies to the General Convention,

REV. H. KOLLOCK REES,
REV. WILLIAM H. CLARKE,
REV. SAMUEL BENEDICT, D. D.,
REV. WM. C. WILLIAMS, D. D.,
HON. CHARLES J. JENKINS,
MR. JOHN R. JOHNSON,
MR. L. N. WHITTLE,
HON. W. W. MONTGOMERY.

Treasurer of the University of the South,

J. A. MEEKER, ESQ., Athens.

Secretary of the Convention,

REV. W. P. KRAMER, Augusta.

Registrar of the Diocese,

WILLIAM S. BOGART, ESQ., Savannah.

The next Annual Convention for the Diocese of Georgia will assemble in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, on Thursday, the 6th of May, 1875.

COLLECTIONS ORDERED BY THE CONVENTION.

FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

JULY, OCTOBER, JANUARY AND APRIL.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CLERGYMEN.

CHRISTMAS, OR THE SUNDAY BEFORE OR AFTER.

PERMANENT FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

EASTER DAY, OR THE SUNDAY BEFORE OR AFTER.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

EMMANUEL CHURCH,
ATHENS, Wednesday, May 6TH, 1874.

The Fifty-second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia assembled in Emmanuel Church.

Morning Prayer and the Litany were said by Rev. Messrs. George Macauley and A. I. Drysdale.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by Rev. Wm. H. Clarke—the Rev. W. C. Williams, D.D., reading the Epistle.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Hunter from the text, St. John XIV: 6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Samuel Benedict, D.D., Rev. W. C. Williams, D.D., Rev. W. H. Clarke and Rev. A. I. Drysdale.

The Bishop of the Diocese called the Convention to order, and directed the Secretary to call the roll of the clergy. The following answered to their names:

RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev. J. S. ATWELL,
Rev. P. T. BABBITT, D. D.,
Rev. STEPHEN BARNWELL,
Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT, D. D.,
Rev. W. H. CLARKE,
Rev. H. DUNLOP,
Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE,
Rev. R. W. B. ELLIOTT,
Rev. REVERDY ESTILL,
Rev. J. HARDIN GEORGE,
Rev. JOHN J. HUNT,
Rev. W. C. HUNTER,
Rev. WILLIAM H. HUNT,
Rev. W. P. KRAMER,
Rev. JOSHUA KNOWLES,
Rev. J. ROBERT LOVE,
Rev. HENRY E. LUCAS,
Rev. GEORGE MACAULEY,
Rev. SAMUEL PINKERTON,
Rev. J. M. STONEY,
Rev. THOMAS C. STANLEY,
Rev. WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, D. D.

The certificates of election of lay delegates were presented.

Ordered, That they be referred to a Committee on Credentials.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Rees, Stanley and Benedict, D. D.

The Committee reported the certificates to be in form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Savannah—THOMAS F. SCREVEN, J. C. FOOTMAN.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta—CHARLES J. JENKINS, EDWARD P. CLAYTON, GEORGE A. OATES.

Trinity Church, Columbus—D. S. PORTER, N. N. CURTIS, H. F. ABELL.

St. John's Church, Savannah—JOHN R. JOHNSON, JOHN M. GUERARD, JOHN GAMMELL.

St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville—JOHN S. THOMAS, JOHN W. WILCOX, JAMES W. HERTY.

Emmanuel Church, Athens—W. L. BROUN, CHARLES MORRIS, T. A. BURKE.

St. Philip's Church, Atlanta—EDWARD PARSONS, J. P. CRICHTON, W. J. MAGILL.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta—J. S. DAVIDSON, SAMUEL H. SHEPARD, BENJ. F. HALL.

Church of the Mediator, Washington—HENRY F. ANDREWS, WILLIAM C. POPE, W. E. SHELVERTON.

Church of the Ascension, Cartersville—W. HENRY STILES, W. G. TROWBRIDGE, WILLIAM WILLIFORD.

St. Luke's Church, Atlanta—JOHN H. GLOVER, HENRY D. LAW, R. J. MAYNARD.

St. Mary's Church, Athens—R. L. BLOOMFIELD, GREEN BLAIR, G. J. CONNELL.

The Committee reported the certificates from St. Mark's, Dalton, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, not in form.

The roll of lay delegates was called, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Footman, Screven, Jenkins, Porter, Wilcox, Herty, Broun, Morris, Burke, Parsons, Magill, Davidson, Shepard, Glover, Law, and Bloomfield.

A quorum of both orders being present, on motion of Rev. Dr. Williams, the delegates from St. Mark's Church, Dalton, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, were admitted to seats. Dr. Warren, from St. Mark's Church, Dalton, and W. W. Montgomery, from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, took their seats.

Rev. Dr. Benedict nominated Rev. Dr. Williams as Secre-

tary. Rev. Dr. Williams declining a reëlection, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary.

The Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. S. E. Barnwell and H. Dunlop tellers.

The tellers reported that Rev. W. P. Kramer was elected Secretary. The Rev. Reverdy Estill was appointed assistant.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Elliott—

Resolved, That the clergy of other Dioceses, and also those of this Diocese not entitled to seats, and candidates for orders, be invited to seats upon the floor of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. Mr. Elliott were appointed a committee to extend the invitation, who reported that the Rev. Richard T. Brown, of the Diocese of Virginia, and Rev. Robert W. Barnwell, of this Diocese, accepted the invitation.

The Chair appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the State of the Church—Rev. Dr. Williams, Rev. Messrs. Macauley, Drysdale, Pinkerton and Knowles.

On New Parishes—Rev. Messrs. Clarke and Estill; Messrs. Magill and Porter.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. Mr. Lucas; Messrs. Burke and Shepard.

On Finance—Messrs. Bloomfield, Jenkins, Parsons, Footman and Montgomery.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Drysdale—

Resolved, That, after to-day, the Convention, during its present session, meet at 10:30 A. M. for morning prayer, and adjourn not later than 3 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Stanley presented the application of St. Stephen's Church, Savannah, for admission into union with the Convention.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

Evening prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Estill, assisted by Rev. S. E. Barnwell, and a sermon preached by Rev. W. P. Kramer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 7TH, 1874.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Knowles, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Hunt.

Present, as on yesterday, with the addition of Rev. Messrs. Denniston, Rees and Eppes, and Messrs. Clayton, Oates and Maynard.

Certificates of election of lay delegates were presented.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Williams, Mr. W. W. Montgomery was elected Treasurer of the Diocese *pro tem.*, and Rev. Dr. Benedict Treasurer of Diocesan Missions *pro tem.*

The Committee on Credentials reported the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

St. Paul's Church, Macon—T. STANLEY BECKWITH, G. E. SUSSDORF, WM. HAZLEHURST.

St. Mark's Church, Brunswick—JOHN B. HABERSHAM, JOHN R. BOSTWICK, CHARLES L. SCHLATTER.

St. James' Church, Marietta—B. R. STRONG, THOMAS FREEMAN, JAMES R. BRUMBY.

Christ Church, Macon—L. N. WHITTLE, JOHN L. JONES, THOMAS N. CONNOR.

Calvary Church, Americus—URIAH B. HARROLD, A. W. SMITH, E. J. ELDRIDGE.

Messrs. Beckwith, Bostwick, Freeman, Connor and Harrold took their seats.

The chairman of the Committee on New Parishes requested that the committee be increased by the addition of three members.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Jenkins, Montgomery and Whittle.

The Bishop read his annual address.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

The Semi-Centennial Convention closed its sessions May 24th, 1873.

JUNE 1st—being Whitsun-day—I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. R. C. Foute and delivered an address in Christ Church, Savannah. In the evening of the same day I held service and preached in the same church.

JUNE 8th—being Trinity Sunday—I held service, assisted by Mr. Foute, administered the Holy Communion and delivered an address in the same church. In the evening, held service and delivered an address in the same church.

JUNE 15th and 22d—Held service and preached in the same church.

JULY 6th—Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Foute and Stoney, confirmed six and administered the Holy Communion, in Christ Church, Savannah. In the afternoon, I held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stanley, and confirmed twelve, in St. Mathew's Church, Savannah.

JULY 10th—Held service, assisted by Rev. J. R. Love, and confirmed five, in St. Augustine's mission for the colored people.

JULY 12th—Confirmed, in private, in the City Hospital, one, presented by Rev. Mr. Stanley.

JULY 13th—I ordained Mr. J. M. Stoney, Deacon. The candidate was presented by Rev. Samuel Benedict, in St. John's Church, Savannah. In the evening of the same day, I held service, assisted by Mr. Foute, confirmed three, and addressed the candidates in Christ Church, Savannah.

JULY 16th—I left Savannah, my health being utterly, and, as it then seemed, hopelessly broken down.

JULY 29th—I gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Benj. H. Paddock, D.D., as Bishop of Massachusetts. On the same day I gave canonical consent to the election of an assistant Bishop of Mississippi, on the ground of extent of territory.

AUG 3d—I visited Athens that I might attend the sessions of the Board of Trustees of the University. While here I confirmed nine in Emmanuel Church, and fourteen in St. Mary's Church, on the 3d of August. On the 4th I confirmed in private three

belonging to St. Mary's Parish; and on the 5th I confirmed in private one belonging to the same Parish.

Aug. 6th—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Robert A. McElhinney, Priest, of the Diocese of Ohio; on the 8th, received notice of the deposition of Charles H. Tucker, Priest, of the Diocese of Long Island; and on the 19th, of deposition of James H. Bowles, Priest, of the Diocese of California.

During the month of August I met the Atlanta Convocation in Clarksville.

During the month of September, my health was such that I could do no work. I had hoped that by this time I would have been strong enough to have felt justified in continuing my position as Rector of Christ Church, Savannah. After much anxious thought I became convinced that I could not perform the duties of a Rector; and therefore, with many regrets, I resigned—my resignation taking effect October 1st.

Oct. 14th—I gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D. D., as assistant Bishop of North Carolina.

Oct. 19th—Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, and preached in Christ Church, Riverdale, New-York.

Oct. 21st—Baptized in private an infant, at Georgetown, D. C.

Oct. 26th—Ordained to the priesthood Rev. Thomas Boone and Rev. Reverdy Estill, at St. Philip's, Atlanta. The candidates were presented by Rev. W. C. Williams, D. D. I was assisted in the laying on of hands by Rev. W. C. Williams, D.D., and Rev. R. W. B. Elliott. I was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. Messrs. Elliott, Macauley and Barnwell. I confirmed, in the same Church, fifteen, and in private one. In the evening I held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Macauley, Rector, and Rev. Thomas Boone, confirmed ten, and addressed the candidates in St. Luke's, Atlanta.

About this time I received from the Standing Committee of the Diocese certain resolutions, informing me that certificates of two skillful physicians having been laid before them, touching the condition of my health, they desired me to seek "entire rest from the labors and responsibilities of the Episcopate for such time as might be necessary for the complete restoration of my health and strength." When I received this evidence of the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Standing Committee, I fancied myself so

much improved that, in thanking the committee for what they had done, I expressed the intention of at least trying to do my work.

Nov. 2d—I therefore held service (November 2d), assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Eppes; preached, confirmed five, and administered the Holy Communion, in St. James' Church, Marietta.

Nov. 4th—Held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pinkerton; preached and confirmed one, in the Methodist Church, Cartersville.

Nov. 6th—Held service, confirmed four, and addressed the candidates, in Kingston.

Nov. 9th—Held service, assisted by the Rector, confirmed seventeen, addressed the candidates and administered the Holy Communion, in St. Peter's, Rome. In the evening, held service and preached in the same church.

Nov. 11th—Held service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. Stephen E. Barnwell, missionary in charge; preached and administered the Holy Communion, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Springs.

Nov. 12th—Held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Barnwell, missionary in charge; confirmed six and addressed the candidates, in St. Mark's, Dalton.

Nov. 13th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Eppes and Pinkerton; preached, confirmed sixteen and addressed the candidates, in St. James', Marietta.

Nov. 16th—Held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dowe, the Rector, and preached, in St. George's, Griffin.

Nov. 22d—Confirmed in private one, in Columbus.

Nov. 23d—Morning service and Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, and preached in Trinity Church, Columbus. In the evening, held service in the same church, and confirmed twenty-nine, of whom three were colored people.

Nov. 24th—Held special confirmation service in same church; confirmed one colored person.

In this active Parish, under the guidance of its Rector, Rev. Mr. Hunter, there is a flourishing Parish School, numbering fifty children. The school is *free*, the expenses being borne by the Parish. The girls of the school are taught sewing, being thus prepared to aid themselves in after life; and all are taught their duty as Christians, and are trained in the ancient and holy ways

of our mother, the Church. I wish that I could tell you of more of these schools. The Church will never do her work among our people until she devotes herself to the young. If we would guard the next generation against the heresies and schisms which are so rampant in our day, we must do it by instilling catholic truth into the minds and hearts of the young, and by teaching plainly and unmistakably that God hath established a visible Church, with which He has been till the present, and will be till the end of time; and that of this visible, ancient Apostolic Church, the Protestant Episcopal is a true and pure Branch. The age demands antiquity and authority in a Church. This Church has both, and we should so declare to the world and so teach our children.

Nov. 30th—Held service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Benjamin Johnson; preached and confirmed twelve, in Christ Church, Macon. In the evening, held service, assisted by the Rector, preached and confirmed ten, in St. Paul's, Macon. Also, gave a letter dimissory to Rev. Charles Ritter to the Diocese of Maryland.

Dec. 3d—Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. John F. Spaulding, D. D., as Missionary Bishop of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Dec. 5th—Baptized one infant in Christ Church, Savannah.

Dec. 7th—Took part in the service and administration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church, Savannah.

Dec. 15th—Confirmed in private one, presented by Rev. Mr. Stanley, Savannah.

Dec. 21st—Ordained Priests (in Christ Church, Savannah) Rev. R. C. Foute and Rev. W. P. Kramer. Candidates were presented by Rev. W. C. Williams, D. D., who, with Rev. R. W. B. Elliott, assisted in the laying on of hands. These brethren aided me in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Dec. 25th—Held service, with Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Foute; confirmed twelve and addressed the candidates, in Christ Church, Savannah.

Dec. 26th—Met the Savannah Convocation in St. John's, Savannah. Received notice of deposition from the sacred ministry of John Steindly, Priest, of the Diocese of Missouri.

Dec. 28th—Held evening service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. J. S. Atwell; confirmed four (colored), and addressed the candidates in St. Stephen's Church, Savannah.

JAN. 4th, 1874—I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr Foute, and made an address in Christ Church, Savannah.

JAN. 6th—Acting upon the advice of those best able to judge of the condition of my health, I at this time notified the President of the Standing Committee that I would do no more Episcopal work during the months of January and February.

FEB. 1st—I consecrated the "*The Church of the Messiah*," on the Satilla river, assisted by the missionary, Rev. Mr. Dunlop; preached, confirmed four white and one colored persons, and addressed the candidates. This act was performed in direct opposition to the judgment of those who had advised me as to my health; but, I felt that where others had labored so long and faithfully to build this missionary chapel, I could not refuse to risk even my own health, that they might see it dedicated to Him to whose glory they built it.

FEB. 11th—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of W. H. Fultz, Priest, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

FEB. 18th—Gave a letter dimissory to Rev. Caleb Dowe to the Diocese of Louisiana.

MARCH 1st—Administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Benedict, and made an address, in St. John's, Savannah.

MARCH 2d—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Edward Hubbell, Priest, of the Diocese of Maine.

MARCH 4th—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of John Lyon, Priest, of the Diocese of Nebraska.

MARCH 8th—Took part in the services in Christ Church, Savannah.

MARCH 14th—Confirmed in private (presented by Rev. Mr. Kramer) three, in Augusta. In the afternoon confirmed in private one, presented by Rev. Mr. Weed, of Augusta.

MARCH 15th—Held service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Weed and Kramer; preached, and confirmed for St. Paul's fourteen, for the Church of the Atonement fourteen, and for the Church of the Good Shepherd two, in St. Paul's, Augusta. Also, administered the Holy Communion.

MARCH 18th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stoney, minister in charge; preached and confirmed four, in St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

MARCH 19th—Held evening service in the Presbyterian Church,

assisted by Rev. Messrs. Lucas and Stoney; confirmed three, and addressed the candidates, in Ascension Parish, Sparta. In this place God has so blessed the labors of the devoted missionary, Rev. Mr. Stoney, and the handful of communicants who labor with him, that a church building will soon be erected. My visit to the field now occupied by my young brother, Rev. Mr. Stoney, was one of unalloyed pleasure. He is working faithfully and lovingly, and his people thoroughly appreciate his efforts in behalf of Christ and His holy Church.

March 22d—Held service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Frank Hallam, of the Diocese of Maryland, in Calvary Church, Americus. In the evening I held service in the same church, confirmed four and addressed the candidates. Mr. Hallam is doing a true work in Americus, and I trust may long be spared to us.

March 25th—Administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr Rees, of St. Paul's, Macon, and delivered an address in St. Luke's, Hawkinsville. In the evening, held service, confirmed one (colored), and delivered an address in the same church. The same day I baptized (in private) one infant. This little flock has long been without regular services, but I hope ere long to be able to send them a missionary. Their patience and zeal do certainly seem to merit regular services, and these would have been given long since had the missionary funds been equal to the support of a minister.

March 27th—Held evening service alone (the Rector, Rev. Mr. McClure, having resigned), baptized one infant and one adult, confirmed seven, and addressed the candidates, in St. Paul's Church, Albany.

March 29th—Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Babbitt, Rector; preached and confirmed four, in St. Thomas', Thomasville. In the afternoon, I baptized (in the same church) three infants and confirmed three adults.

March 31st—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Wm. H. Reid, Priest, of the Diocese of Long Island.

April 2d—*Maundy Thursday*—Held evening service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Benedict and Rev. R. C. Foute, and made an address in St. John's Church, Savannah.

April 3d—*Good Friday*—Held morning service, assisted by

Rev. Mr. Foute, and made an address, in Christ Church, Savannah. Held evening service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Atwell, and Rev. Mr. Foute; confirmed eight (colored), and addressed the candidates, in St. Stephen's, Savannah.

April 5th—*Easter Sunday*—Administeredthe Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Benedict; preached, confirmed eight, in St. John's, Savannah. In the evening, held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Foute, confirmed seventeen, and addressed the candidates, in Christ Church, Savannah.

April 9th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Benedict, Rev. Dr. Clute, Rector, and Hon. and Rev. James W. Leigh (late Vicar of Stoneleigh, England). Confirmed fifteen and addressed the candidates, in St. Andrew's, Darien.

April 12th—Held morning service and made an address in Christ Church, Savannah. In the afternoon I held service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Stanley; confirmed ten, and addressed the candidates in St. Mathew's Church, Savannah. After service, I confirmed (in private) one, presented by Rev. Mr. Stanley. In the evening I held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stanley, in Christ Church, Savannah.

April 14th—Received letter dimissory of Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, from the Diocese of Ohio.

April 15th—Morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Benjamin Johnson; confirmed ten, and addressed the candidates in Christ Church, Macon.

April 16th—Evening service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Rees; confirmed four, and addressed the candidates in St. Paul's, Macon.

April 17th—Received notice of deposition from the sacred ministry of Robert H. Williamson, Priest, of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

April 18th—Confirmed (in private) one, presented by Rev. Mr. Stanley, in Savannah.

April 19th—Morning service and sermon in Christ Church, Savannah. Evening service in the afternoon, assisted by Rev. J. R. Love; confirmed seven colored persons, and addressed the candidates in St. Augustine's Mission, Savannah. After service, confirmed (in private) one, belonging to St. Mark's Church, Chicago, Illinois. In the evening, held service in Christ Church, Savannah.

April 20th—Gave letter dimissory to Rev. R. C. Foute, to the Diocese of Kentucky.

April 21st—Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Clement F. Jones, Deacon, of Cape Palmas, Africa.

April 22d—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Clarke and Kramer; confirmed for St. Paul's Church two, for the Church of the Atonement thirteen, in the Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

April 23d—Performed the marriage service in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta. In the evening of the same day, I held a confirmation service, and confirmed four in the Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

April 25th—I consecrated St. Mark's Mission church, for the colored people, assisted by the missionary, Rev. Mr. Dunlop, and Rev. Mr. Stanley, and confirmed five colored persons in St. Mark's, on the Ogeechee.

April 26th—Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dunlop, and preached in Christ Church, Savannah. In the afternoon held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stanley, and confirmed four. In the evening I held service in Christ Church, Savannah.

April 28th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hunter, and Rev. Mr. James of Baltimore, Md., and confirmed twenty-two in Trinity Church, Columbus.

April 29th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Macauley, Elliott and Estill; confirmed six in St. Luke's, Atlanta, and addressed the candidates.

April 30th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Elliott, Estill, Macauley and Hunt; confirmed forty-six, and addressed the candidates in St. Philip's, Atlanta. This noble Parish has been again compelled to enlarge its church building, and now has 925 sittings. Its growth in the Parish Church is only equalled by the remarkable development of its missionary life. A large portion of those confirmed were from the missions connected with the Parish. It is a great joy to see the blessed Church thus making herself known in her integrity, and arousing the hearts of so many upon the very spot where she has been so dirided! She has taken her true position as a Branch of the Primitive Church, and, as such, is commanding respect and wielding an ever-increasing influence.

MAY 1st—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Williams; confirmed thirteen and addressed the candidates in St. Peter's, Rome.

MAY 3d—Held service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Drysdale and Lucas; confirmed fourteen, addressed the candidates, and administered the Holy Communion in Emmanuel Church. In the evening I confirmed four in St. Mary's Church, Athens.

MAY 5th—Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Lucas and Drysdale, and confirmed for Emmanuel Church three, and for St. Mary's Church nine, in St. Mary's Church, Athens.

MAY 6th—Received letter dimissory of Rev. Frank Hallam, Deacon, from the Diocese of Maryland.

From the above report of confirmations, for the year now ending, it will be seen that the number exceeds that of any year since Georgia become a Diocese; and yet some few places have received no visitation. In February I notified such of the clergy as, at that time, had had no visitation, that I would be ready to confirm for them before the meeting of the Convention. In consequence of this I have held services in all Parishes and Missionary fields where there were candidates for confirmation, with the exception of two, viz: the missionary stations of Rev. Mr. Knowles and Rev. Mr. Dennistoun. The former wrote me that he preferred that my visitation be deferred until after the Convention; the letter of the latter did not reach me until a short time since: my appointments then fully occupied my remaining time, and therefore I was reluctantly compelled to disappoint him. There are a few places in the Diocese which I have not visited, for the reason that, there being no candidates for confirmation, and no clergyman in charge, it seemed unnecessary.

The Appleton Church Home, I am thankful to say, still prospers. I am sure you will rejoice to know that the generous founder of this institution has lately informed me that he has made a provision in his will by which the Home will receive an endowment of ten thousand dollars. Five of the orphan girls have been confirmed during the past year; the Home is thus being known by its fruits. I cannot speak too highly of the devotion of "Sister Margaret," as the head of this institution. To her, under GOD, more than to any other human being, does it owe its prosperity. This, I am sure, will be gladly acknowledged by the

Rector himself, to whom "Sister Margaret" feels herself continually indebted. The Home is still free from debts of any kind.

In this connection it may not be amiss to mention another institution for the benefit of orphan children, existing in Savannah. The Episcopal Orphan Home in Savannah, worked by devoted Christian women, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. T. C. Stanley, is doing noble service for the Master. Under many and great discouragements these godly women have labored and endured and hoped and waited, and at length God is giving them their reward. I trust, ere long, this institution may be in charge of regular Sisters, and I believe its success will be confirmed.

I have, now and then, received intimations from some of the clergy that a few suggestions touching the mode of conducting the services might render complete that uniformity which already so largely prevails in the Diocese. I do this the more willingly because the last General Convention, by a joint resolution, declared its approval of such action on the part of a Bishop. The Rubric, before "The selections from the Psalms of David in metre," declares that "this Book of Psalms in metre, with hymns," is allowed to be sung in all congregations of said Church, before and after evening prayer," etc. I believe it would add greatly to congregational singing if the Parishes would take advantage of this permission and sing a psalm or hymn before and after service, in place of the elaborate voluntaries and extraordinary singings which sometimes disturb our public worship. Let the Rector, at the beginning of each church season, notify the congregation that during that season a particular psalm or hymn will be sung, as suggested by the Rubric. Let all stand during the singing. The congregation will soon become familiar with the hymn and music, and I do not think it will be long ere we will be singing the Lord's praises, instead of leaving this important part of worship to the skill of paid choirs, who so often praise Him with their lips while their hearts are far from Him. After the hymn before the service, the Rector kneels for silent prayer; I would suggest that the congregation join him in this, and that one moment be spent in petitioning God to bless the service.

When the Gospel for the day is to be read, the Rubric requires that the people all stand. In some of our Parishes, while the Rector is making the announcement of the Gospel, saying, "The Holy Gospel is written," etc., the people rise, so that the announce-

ment and rising are going on at the same time. Others wait until the announcement is made, and rise while the *Gloria Tibi* is being said (though it is generally sung); while, in other Parishes, the Rector says the first three words of the announcement, viz.: "The Holy Gospel," and pauses a moment while the congregation rises, and then finishes the announcement. Without discussing these various interpretations of the Rubric, I simply suggest that the last be adopted. Both observation and experience have satisfied me that there is less confusion in this than any other way that I have ever seen.

Immediately after the hymn which is sung before the sermon, it is the custom of the clergy to kneel for a moment in silent prayer. I suggest that the congregation kneel and pray silently at the same time. The minister is about to deliver the message: the people are about to receive it. If ever there was a moment when preacher and people needed to pray—the one that he may faithfully do his whole duty, the other that they may be blest in hearing,—it is at this moment. I believe that God will answer such prayers, and I trust that minister and people will not fail to offer them.

The Rubric requires that the Priest, having received the alms and other devotions of the people, "shall humbly *present* and place them upon the Holy Table." These alms and devotions are given by the people, and are presented to God by the Priest. When he, in behalf of the people, presents them to God, it seems eminently proper that the people should not sit carelessly in their pews, as though they were in no way concerned with what the Priest is doing. They should in some way, I think, recognize the fact that their gifts are being offered to God! We have a custom—fast becoming universal—according to which the people stand and sing while the offerings are being presented. This custom I think a good one, and I should be glad to see it prevail in every Parish.

The Rubric, at the end of the Communion Service, requires that "If any of the consecrated bread and wine remain after the communion," the minister and other communicants shall, immediately after the blessing, *reverently* eat and drink the same. This Rubric is neglected by many of our congregations. I would suggest that, after the blessing, the congregation remain quietly in their seats, so that if any of the consecrated bread and wine remain, the Priest may notify them and ask them to come forward

and join him in reverently consuming them; and in order that they may consume them *reverently*, I suggest that they *kneel* at the chancel. I urge this *kneeling* for the reason that I have seen communicants standing at the chancel rail, consuming the bread and wine, and talking of the weather and of the health of their families!

During the past year, God in his wisdom has taken from us another of our strong men. He was strong in his faith in his Saviour, strong in his devotion to the Church, strong in his works to win souls to Christ, and strong in the example of a pure, unselfish, self sacrificing Christian life. The Church in Georgia unites with this Parish, and with the citizens of this city, and with the University of Georgia, in lamenting the death of Dr. Moore. Few can feel his loss more deeply than myself. He was to me one of those warm-hearted, tender friends with whose sympathy and counsel God sometimes blesses us, to give us strength and courage amid the trials and perplexities of official life. Would that my earnest sympathy could, even a little, console those hearts whom his death has left desolate! May the Holy Spirit bring them comfort, and under the shadow of His wing may they rest in peace!

You have a right to expect, my dear brethren, that I will not close this address without some mention of occurrences which, during the past year, have to some extent disturbed the peace of the Church in America. If, in apostolic days, St. Paul found it necessary to urge the Romans that they "mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned," it is not to be wondered at if men should arise in this day, who, by false teaching and by schism, strive "to deceive the hearts of the simple." More than a quarter of a century ago, Bishop Cummins did, of his own free will, "solemnly engage to conform to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." At the time he was ordained a Priest he solemnly declared that he would "minister the doctrines and sacraments and the discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded, and as *this Church* hath received the same, according to the commandments of God." With these vows upon him, he ministered as a Priest of the Church of God for some twenty years. He *must* have been familiar with the Prayer Book, and believed that it was not contrary to the word of God On the 15th of November, 1866, he was consecrated Assistant Bishop of Kentucky. In the

year 1867 he preached before the annual convention of the Church in Kentucky a sermon upon the Prayer Book. In this sermon—preached only some six years before his apostacy—he declares that the Prayer Book "embodies, *as no other uninspired volume does*, the ancient and primitive catholic faith of Christ's Church." Speaking of the "propitiatory sacrifice for sin by the blood of Christ," he says: "How sublimely does this volume witness to the 'old path,' this 'good way,' of salvation in a day when men would take from the Gospel its very life-blood by seeking to eliminate the truth of Christ's vicarious sacrifice!" Again he says: "The Prayer Book honors the word of God as it is honored in no other volume on earth." Again he declares: "The Prayer Book is fitted to unite all reformed communions, because it enshrines most faithfully the true spirit of the Reformation." Speaking still of the reformation, he says: "May we not safely challenge any portion of reformed christendom to produce any confession, or symbol, or formulary of devotion, that which represents so faithfully the spirit of that great movement?" Once more he says: "We are not unmindful of the retort that may be made, that not a few, trained under all the influences of this book and familiar with all the hallowed memories which consecrate it, have found their way back to the altars of a corrupt and idolatrous Church, even while the language of the Liturgy yet lingered on their lips. But we lay hold of the very objection to strengthen our position. The perverted religiousness of the human heart, which hungers for a sensuous worship and another gospel, can find no satisfaction in the simple scriptural worship of this book. A pure and Apostolic Church affords no abiding place for such a spirit. 'They went out from us because they are not of us.' They go forth to bear witness that, whilst this Liturgy remains intact, it will prove a mighty breakwater to save the Church of Christ from again being devastated by the floods of superstition and idolatry!" Memorable words are these! Six years have now passed—meanwhile this Liturgy *has* remained intact; not one part of it has been changed. It still stands as he described it, "a mighty breakwater to save the Church of Christ," and yet, because there are men now in the Church "hungering for a sensuous worship and another Gospel;" men who seem to be preparing to take that very step which would prove her to be "a Pure and Apostolic Church;" though the solemn vow be upon

his soul "to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word;" he deserts her, unfurls the banner of schism, and on the 15th day of March, 1874, in Steinway Hall, New York city (I quote from the *New York Tribune*), he says of the same Prayer Book: "No wonder that under such a Prayer Book there has grown up such a system of sacerdotalism and ritualism. It is the book of the ritualist. He has a right to preach confession and order penance." Speaking of the words used by the Bishop, in the ordaining of Priests, in the Prayer Book, he says: "I wonder almost that the tongue is not palsied that utters them." "I look upon the words as blasphemous." Alas! poor human nature; consistent only in inconsistencies! With such a history, this man now undertakes to play the role of a Reformer! Had the Prayer Book been changed, the case would have been different; but it is to-day as it was the day he was ordained a Deacon. The Cummins movement is, in my judgment, simply the logical result of party spirit and party teaching. Party spirit is the spirit of intolerance: the spirit of intolerance is the fruitful source of bigotry and excess; under its influence opinions assume the importance of principles; differences of opinion are looked upon as violations of principle; private interpretations of doctrine become more important than the doctrine itself; theories, opposed by others, become as dear to us as articles of faith; we think the faith endangered, and the Church in peril because our interpretations do not prevail, and persuading ourselves that to tolerate differences is to participate in the guilt of others, we leave the Church, believing she is drifting into error, while, in reality, *we* have fallen into schism!

But while Bishop Cummins and his few followers are striving to reform the Church in one direction, there is in the Church a party who would reform her in the opposite direction. The one would reform her into a new sect of the nineteenth century; the other, into a sect of the middle ages. Each would take from her her antiquity and her purity. This latter party, styling itself "The Catholic Party," is striving to undo the Reformation, and lead the Church back to submission to the Roman schism, and to the adoption of the teachings against which for three hundred years she has protested. An examination of the writing of many of the leaders of this party, in England and America, fills the mind with astonishment. In a manual of doctrine, published in

England and for sale in this country, we find a "Litany of Blessed Sacrament." In this Litany are the following invocations: "Most Pure Feast, have mercy upon us. Supernatural Bread, have mercy upon us. Cup of Blessing, have mercy upon us. Most High and Adorable Sacrament, have mercy upon us. Tremendous and Life-giving Sacrament, have mercy upon us. Bread made Flesh by the Omnipotence of the Word, have mercy upon us," etc. Again, the following is its form for confessing to the Priest: "I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary, to all Saints and to my ghostly Father, that I have sinned," etc.* Another writer of this party, and he one of the most celebrated, in his "*Instructions in the Holy Eucharist*," writes (of the Prayer of Consecration in the Communion Service): "During the course of this prayer, the great and momentous act of consecrating the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ takes place, as also, by means of these thus consecrated, the offering and pleading of the one Great Sacrifice as the Church's memorial before God." The same writer, speaking of what he styles "Non-communicating Eucharistic Worship," says: "Every soul who, by faith, devoutly adores Him present on the altar where the Holy Sacrifice is being offered, adds a voice to the heavenly chorus which echoes on forever and ever before the throne above." "When we behold these outward signs, Himself is proved to be there. Even without actual communion, we have the restful satisfaction of feeling that, through this Presence He is especially ours and we especially His." "To be thus near to such a Presence, and to be conscious of it by a true and vivid faith, although we do not actually receive Him, cannot but be fraught with blessing."

Article XXIX of "*The Articles of Religion*" declares that the wicked "are in nowise partakers of Christ" in the Lord's Supper. A book entitled "*The Priest's Prayer Book*," designed, as is presumptuously stated in the preface, to be "an appendix to the Book of Common Prayer," declares: "The Sacrament is delivered to worthy and unworthy communicants alike. . . . All alike receive the same thing but with different results." "It is not our worthiness which makes the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, but the power of the Holy Ghost through the act of consecration by the Priest."

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*Quoted from the *Church Journal*, April 9th, 1874.

Once more: An American churchman declares that he adores, and would, if it were necessary or his duty, teach the people to adore Christ present in the elements under the form of bread and wine! An English churchman declares: "Christ is there under the *form* of bread—under the *veil* of bread. But the *sign*, the *form*, the *veil* of the thing is not the thing itself. . . . . All these expressions imply only the *accidents* of the thing. They indicate only what the thing *seems* to be, not what it *is*. But it is the *substance* of a thing, not the *accidents* of it, which is the thing itself. This *substance* . . . is the Body of Christ."

Again: The American churchman says: "I have shown that the great divines of the Church of England, in exact accordance with the Prayer Book, teach the doctrine of the real objective Presence." Says the English churchman; "It is not possible according to the recognized laws of our intellectual being, to believe in the real, objective Presence, as determined for us in the words of our Lord himself, and yet reject the Tridentine doctrine of transubstantiation."

I have thrown these questions together (and I could easily add to their number) not to discuss them, but to give you an idea of what is being taught in the Church, and so far as possible to show you its drift. In placing these quotations side by side, I do not intend to suggest that the writers were in correspondence, or that in all things they agree with each other. On the contrary, so far as I know, they are entirely independent of each other.

Beside this party movement, the eccentricities of Bishop Cummins (now out of the Church), and of those who sympathize with him (*in* the Church, if any such there be), sink into insignificance. Let this party be successful—let the Church receive its teachings —and the Protestant Episcopal Church will have ceased to exist! I do not think it necessary that the American Church should take any notice of the Cummins movement. The seed of death is in it. Give it time and it must die.

As concerns this other movement, I believe that inaction on the part of the Church will be at the peril of existence!

The doctrines of what is popularly called the "Ritualistic party" are greatly disturbing the mind of the Church, and I believe it to be the duty of the General Convention to remove such disturbance! Some suggest that, to remove it, the Church should change the Prayer Book. This, in my judgment, would be

a great mistake. Because a body of Christians in this land calls itself the "Catholic Church," would you change the creed to show that you do not believe in the Church of Rome? Because a body acknowledging the inspiration of the Bible declares that that Bible teaches that the second Person of the Trinity is not "GOD of GOD, Light of Light, very GOD of very GOD, being of *one* substance with the Father," would you therefore change the Bible? Not so! The Creed is not in error, but those who interpreted the creed. The Bible is not in fault, but those who interpret the Bible. And so with the Prayer Book. To change it would be to *allow* that it contains "Romanising germs." The Prayer Book is not in fault, but those who interpret the Prayer Book. *Once open the door to changes, and you have only to wait for the organization of new parties to make these changes interminable.* Others suggest that legislation touching forms and ceremonies, Church decorations and ritual, will accomplish it. Hear upon this subject the *London Church Times:* "There is nothing so elastic as ecclesiastical symbolism. . . . Once, therefore, settle what ornaments and ceremonies were to be allowed, and it would take no Durandus to devise for them a *rationale* as full of mystical sacerdotal meaning as is attributed to the Roman Mass. . . The fact is, that, as a polemical instrument, Ritualism has done its work."

It may be that legislation upon forms and ceremonies would temporarily check this teaching; but, simply to legislate upon them as a permanent cure, would, in my judgment, be simply to "beat the air." Ritualistic observances all have reference to a *doctrine*—that doctrine is the *tap-root*—cut *that*, and the observances, becoming meaningless, will cease. So far as I can understand the necessities of the times, the Church is not called upon to define doctrine, but to *defend doctrine;* not to declare what *is* the doctrine (the Prayer Book has done that), but to declare what is *not* doctrine. That the Great Head of the Church may give her courage and wisdom equal to the emergency, is my earnest prayer.

And now, my dear brethren, one word as to our duty to the Church in Georgia. Thus far party spirit has been unable to assume proportions calculated to disturb any one! I pray GOD that we may not deprive ourselves of this great blessing. The Church has a work to do in this Diocese—a great and glorious work! The people are feeling the need of her, are examining her

claims, and are longing for her! The work is before us, and God is making us equal to it. How nobly have you reaped during the past year, my dear brethren of the clergy! How nobly have you aided them, my dear brethren of the laity! When I think of it, my heart is agitated with joy and fear—joy that the work is being so bravely done, that it is opening before us so grandly, that everywhere amid evil report and good report the Church is growing and strengthening, and that daily God is adding to her such as shall be saved; fear, lest in some moment of carelessness an enemy to righteousness may come into our field and sow the tares of that accursed spirit of Party. Be true, I beseech ye, clergy and laity, to the Church as God's own instrument, formed by Him and commissioned by Him for the healing of the nations. Be true to the Prayer Book, in its plain and evident meaning, as the authorized exponent of her teachings. Countenance no party, nor the creature of any party; and oh, how glorious will be her future! Before God I believe the Church, of which we are ministers and members, to be absolutely irresistible, whether against heresy, schism or worldliness, if we will be true to her; for, in being true to her, we will be true to Him who sent her—the Great Bishop and Shepherd of our souls. That God may make us equal to our duty in these disjointed times, is the earnest prayer of

Your Bishop and servant in Christ,

JOHN WATRUS BECKWITH.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins—

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the death of Dr. Richard D. Moore be referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Jenkins, Brown and Screven.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pinkerton, the reading of the Parochial Reports was dispensed with.

The Parochial Reports, with the Bishop's Address, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Clarke presented the following:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee respectfully report: That they have consented to the consecration of the Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D.D., Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of North Carolina; and the Rev. John F. Spaulding, D. D., Missionary Bishop elect of Colorado.

They have recommended the Rev. Messrs. Robert C. Foute, William P. Kramer, Reverdy Estill, Thomas Boone and Henry Dunlop, Deacons, for ordination to the Priesthood; and Messrs. Robert Woodward Barnwell, and Chauncey Camp Williams, for ordination to the Diaconate.

They withheld consent to the application of the Diocese of Mississippi for permission to elect an Assistant Bishop, "on the ground of extent of territory."

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held October 24, 1873, on motion of William Hunter, Esq., seconded by John M. Guerard, Esq., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We have before us certificates of two skillful physicians, urging upon the Bishop of the Diocese the importance of an entire rest from the labors and responsibilities of the Episcopate, for such time as may be necessary for the complete restoration of his health and strength; therefore,

Resolved, That we, expressing, as we believe, the feeling of the Diocese at large, fully concur in the opinion above referred to, and respectfully request him to act at once upon the medical advice which he has received, in such a way as may be most convenient to him.

Resolved, That the Chairman communicate the above to the Bishop, and, upon ascertaining that he will act upon our suggestion, that the Chairman, by a circular addressed to the Parishes, inform them thereof, and request them to pay promptly their assessments for the Bishop's salary.

The circular referred to in the last resolution was issued in December.

At the meeting in October, the members present passed a resolution of sympathy for their Secretary, who was absent in consequence of a sore domestic bereavement.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE,
President of the Standing Committee.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to consider so much of the Bishop's Address as related to a Bishop for the colored people, reported through Mr. Montgomery:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to a Bishop for the colored people, beg leave to report: That they understand that the subject of the appointment of Suffragan Bishops is at present under consideration by the Bishops of several of the Dioceses in the United States, and that an interchange of views between them is expected to take place at the approaching General Convention, when a digested plan of action, it is hoped, will be determined upon by them, and recommended to that body.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that no definite action be now taken, but that the matter be referred to the delegates from this Diocese to the General Convention.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

Rev. Dr. Benedict presented the report of the committee appointed at the last Convention to adjust the accounts of W

W. Lincoln, late Treasurer of Diocesan Missions. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the different Treasurers being next in order, the report of the Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, together with his resignation and letter to the Convention, was read.

The report, with accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Wardens of Christ Church, Savannah, as Treasurers of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, made their report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to act upon it at once.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended for the purpose of receiving the report of the Registrar of the Diocese.

Rev. Dr. Benedict presented and read the report of the Registrar of the Diocese, Mr. W. S. Bogart.

Ordered, That it be received and entered upon the journal.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

SAVANNAH, May 4th, 1874.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia:

GENTLEMEN—My second annual Report, as Registrar of the Diocese, does not, I regret to say, exhibit the progress I had anticipated in collecting papers connected with the history of the Church in Georgia. Even the gathering of Parish histories, specially provided for by your resolutions establishing the office of Registrar, and earnestly urged upon the various Rectors in the Diocese, has been but partially successful, as only *five* of these histories (acknowledged below) have as yet come into my possession. Others, however, are promised, and, I hope, will be furnished me at the close of this Convention. But there is a reluctance, or at least a negligence, on the part of the clergy to undertake, each for his own Parish or Missionary Station, this desirable work; and I urge again upon them all a compliance with the wishes and intentions of the Convention.

There are laymen, too, in the Diocese who, from long residence and familiarity with their Parish history, can perform this task even better than their Rectors, and I appeal to them for their co-operation and aid. If ever the history of the Church in Georgia is to be fully written, it will require a complete set of Parish records to furnish the information. The facts and dates are now

extant, either in manuscript or in the memories of living persons, and if they are not soon reduced to permanent record, they will have disappeared forever from existence.

The *Parish Histories* referred to above were received during the last Convention, and are—

1. *History of St. John's Church, Savannah*, by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Samuel Benedict.

2. *History of St. George's Church, Griffin*—by the Rector, Rev. Mr. C. Dowe.

3. *History of St. Andrew's Church, Darien*—by the Rector, Rev. Dr. R. F. Clute.

4. *History of Trinity Church, Columbus*—by the Rector, Rev. Mr. W. C. Hunter.

5. *History of St. Paul's Church, Augusta*—by the Rector, Rev. Mr. W. H. Clarke.

This last history is supplemented with a manuscript copy of "The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Augusta from 19th September, 1783, to 1st of April, 1790, relative to building the second house of worship in St. Paul's Parish, Augusta."

The following documents, pamphlets, papers, etc., have been received within the past year, and are classified and numbered in Roman numerals, in regular sequence from the previous list:

VII. Standing Committee Correspondence, chiefly between Rev. Drs. Ford and Neufville, extending from 1833 to 1837.

VIII. Letters between the Standing Committee and Bishop Bowen, in 1838, in reference to the proposed union of Georgia, Florida and Alabama in a Missionary Diocese.

IX. Letters from our Standing Committee in reference to the election and consecration of Bishop Elliott; from Bishops Meade, Ives, Otey, Gadsden, Polk, Griswold, Doane, Whittingham, Moore and others.

[This correspondence is interesting, as showing the great difficulty in getting a sufficient number of the Bishops together for a consecration in the South thirty-five years ago. Several previous appointments of time and place had been made for Bishop Elliott's consecration, but all failed from the sickness of Bishops, or their refusing to leave home in the depth of winter, particularly as there were then but few facilities for traveling in our Southern States. To show the straits to which the Diocese seemed reduced, Bishop Ives writes (under date of January 13th, 1841) from Franklin, Virginia, forty miles from Norfolk, where he was awaiting (by appointment) Bishops Meade and Whittingham, the three then to start for Savannah: "Should you [Rev. Dr. Neufville] and Dr. Elliott judge the step proper, come on to Edenton, N. C., only six hours out of your way, *and I will accompany you till we can get three Bishops together.* This may be done either at Baltimore or Richmond."]

The above three documents were furnished me by Mrs. Neufville.

X. Letters Dimissory of Clergymen from 1833 onward.

XI. Testimonials of Candidates for Deacon's and Priest's orders from 1842 onward.

XII. Title Deeds of various Church property in the Diocese of Georgia.

XIII. Notifications to this Diocese of Depositions of Clergymen, from 1837 onward.

XIV. A manuscript (of forty-four letter pages). Form of Consecration of Churches according to the use of the Church of Ireland.

XV. Two Letters, written in September, 1865, by Bishop Wilmer, of Alabama—one to Bishop Elliott, and the other to Bishops Hopkins, Coxe and Clarke—both in reference to Church Union.

XVI. Bishop Elliott's Pocket Diary of his work in the last year of his life.

[This is a little book (to us) full of precious memories and associations. It begins with a memorandum of confirmations at Augusta, May 16th, 1858—contains all his official acts for the next eight years and a half—and ends with his last public service under date of December 19th, 1866, in which he records as the work of that day, his preaching, administering the Communion, laying the corner stone of St. Luke's Church, and addressing the young ladies of the school at Montpelier. These lines are in his usual neat and scholarly hand, and are probably the last that came from his pen, for, within less than forty-eight hours thereafter, he lay in the silence of death. What more valued document can the Diocese of Georgia possess than this private record of her first Bishop's life of labor?]

The last seven documents were furnished me by Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, and are understood to have been obtained for this purpose from Bishop Elliott's family.

XVII. Sermons.

1. Bishop Ives' Sermon at the consecration of Bishop Elliott.

2. Bishop Elliott's Sermon on Confederate States Fast Day, April 8, 1864.

3. Bishop Stevens' Sermon at the Semi-Centennial Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, on the "Early History of Georgia."

4. Bishop Beckwith's Sermon on the same occasion, on the "Antiquity of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

5. Rev. Samuel Smith's Sermon before the Trustees of the Colony of Georgia, delivered in St. Augustine's Parish Church, London, February 23d, 1731. [For this last sermon—the original imprint of 1733—I am indebted to Rev. R. W. B. Elliott.]

XVIII. Diocesan Journals—being a set of Virginia Journals from 1842 onward; a set of Florida Journals from 1846 to 1856; and Journals for single years from various Dioceses.

I congratulate the Diocese on coming into possession of many of these papers, for they are full of interest and information; but there is a multitude of others connected with Georgia Church history, both manuscript and printed, which ought to belong to the Diocese; and I again appeal to clergymen and laymen alike to avail themselves of every opportunity to obtain them, and to orward them to me.

I am, very respectfully,

WILLIAM S. BOGART, *Registrar.*

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee appointed last year to consider so much of the report of the Committee on Finance

as referred to the subject of increasing the amount of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, reported.

The report was recommitted, and Mr. Jenkins added to the committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported.

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business report: That on page 33 of the last Journal, an amendment to the Canon on Missions was laid over to the next Convention.

Also, on page 35, is found a resolution whereby a series of resolutions, reported by the Finance Committee, making provision for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, were referred to a Special Committee, to report at the next Convention.

Also, on page 36, is found a resolution, "that a committee of five, with the Bishop as chairman, be appointed to inquire whether it is necessary to procure a legal organization of the Church in this Diocese, and, if necessary, that they prepare a suitable charter, and submit the same to the next Convention for its adoption or rejection.

Also, on page 36, is found a resolution by which the subject of Missions was referred to a Special Committee, to report at the next Convention.

Also, on page 40, is found (laid over to the next Convention) a resolution instructing our deputies to the next General Convention to present a memorial to the House of Bishops and to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention assembled.

HENRY E. LUCAS, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Drysdale—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Eucharistic Adoration, and other novelties in the Church.

The Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. Drysdale, Rees, Williams, D. D., and Messrs. Jenkins and Montgomery.

On motion, the Rules of Order requiring elections were suspended.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery—

Resolved, That Article IV of the Constitution be changed by striking out, in the sixteenth line, the words "baptized persons," and inserting the words, "communicants of this Church," in their place; and by striking out the words "a member or members of the congregation," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "a communicant or communicants of the Church," in the twentieth and twenty-first lines.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention, in view of the retirement of the Rev. Wm. C. Williams, D. D., from the office of Secretary, which he has filled with singular fidelity and efficiency for nineteen years, do place on record this expression of its sincere thanks for his long and unwearied services to the Diocese, and its regret that he feels constrained to retire from a position in which he has given entire satisfaction to all who have been associated with him in the Annual Conventions.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Deans of the several Convocations read their reports, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Eppes and Rees, and a sermon preached by Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, May 8th, 1874.

Morning Prayer and the Litany were read by the Rev. Mr. Pinkerton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stoney, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to an infant by the Rev. Samuel Benedict, D. D.

Present, as on yesterday, with the addition of Messrs. Whittle and Connell.

The Committee on New Parishes reported on the application from St. Stephen's Parish, Savannah, for admission into union with the Convention, recommending that the application be granted. The report was adopted.

Mr. Jenkins reported from the committee to which was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of Dr. R. D. Moore.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the death of our lamented brother, Dr. Richard D. Moore, are aware that they can add nothing to the beautiful, feeling and well-merited tribute therein paid to the deceased. Nevertheless, they feel assured that this Convention would not willingly adjourn without placing on record their own responsive lament, in view of the grievous loss sustained by the surviving family, by Emmanuel Church, by the Diocese, and by society at large.

Though not permitted either to sorrow as those who have no hope, or to indulge a shadow of repining at this mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence, it is their sad privilege to mingle their griefs over this fallen pillar of the Church—this lost power in the Diocese.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, now here sitting cordially unite in the memorial tribute paid to our deceased brother, Dr. Richard D. Moore, Senior Warden of Emmanuel Church, and for many consecutive years a leading member of this body, by our beloved Bishop in his Annual Address.

Resolved, That we appreciate, as he does, the high intelligence, the Christian spirit, the ardent zeal, and the eminent usefulness of the departed.

Resolved, That, to the fatherly sympathy so touchingly tendered to the smitten survivors of the family circle, we superadd our fraternal condolence, and join fervently in the prayer that this blighting wind may be tempered to the shorn lambs.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention present to the family of the deceased a copy of so much of the address as refers to this sad event, and of this report.

C. J. JENKINS, *Chairman.*

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. Mr. Drysdale, chairman of the committee to which was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which related to Eucharistic Adoration and other novelties in the Church, presented their report.

REPORT.

Resolved, That this Convention records, with thanks, its appreciation and hearty approval of the views presented in the address of the Bishop of the dangers that threaten the well-being of the Church from the efforts of that party within her, falsely styling itself catholic, and which is laboring to introduce certain *Medieval* practices that are contrary to her doctrine and discipline.

Resolved, That we hereby declare that we have no sympathy with any of those practices and definitions, connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which in any way encourage people to adore Christ present in the elements, under the form of Bread and Wine.

Resolved, That this Convention will hail with gratitude any proper and

practicable measures that may be adopted by the approaching General Convention to suppress those practices and teachings, that are at variance with our discipline and worship, and that are not authorized directly or by immediate, necessary implication by the Standards of the Church.

A. I. DRYSDALE, *Chairman.*

The resolutions were adopted *seriatim.*

On a motion to adopt the report as a whole, Rev. Mr. Rees called for a vote by orders.

Ayes—Clergy.—Rt. Rev. the Bishop, Atwell, Babbitt, D.D., Benedict, D.D., Barnwell, Clarke, Denniston, Drysdale, Dunlop, Elliott, Estill, George, Hunter, Kramer, Knowles, Love, Lucas, Macauley, Pinkerton, Rees, Stanley, Williams, D.D., Stoney and Eppes—24.

Nays—Clergy.—None.

Ayes—Parishes.—Christ Church, Savannah; St. Paul's, Augusta; Christ Church, Macon; Trinity, Columbus; St. Stephen's, Milledgeville; St. James, Marietta; Emmanuel, Athens; St. Philip's, Atlanta, Atonement, Augusta; St. Mark's, Brunswick; St. Mark's, Dalton; St. Paul's, Macon; Calvary, Americus; Good Shepherd, Summerville; St. Luke's, Atlanta; St. Mary's, Athens—16.

Nays—Parishes.——None.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended to allow Rev. Mr. Knowles to introduce a resolution.

Rev. Mr. Knowles offered the following—

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Convention be requested to use their best efforts to secure, by appropriate legislation, uniformity in ritual upon the basis of the Book of Common Prayer.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, the resolution was laid on the table.

The election of Treasurers being next in order, on motion of Rev. Dr. Williams, the Rule of Order requiring election by ballot was suspended, and the following gentlemen were elected:

Treasurer of the Diocese—Mr. JOSEPH WEED.

Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate—Mr. ALFRED HAYWARD.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's report for the Diocese, and find the same correct and in due form, with vouchers. He reports still due the Bishop on salary,

$384.55; due from assessments unpaid $927.40. To provide for this your committee recommend that $384.55 be borrowed from the Bishop's Fund, and replaced from the unpaid assessments when collected.

The Treasurer's report for the Episcopate Fund shows the balance in his hands to be $9,476.61. We found the account correct and in due form.

The report from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Beckwith, as Treasurer of the Disabled Clergy's Fund, we have examined and found correct—vouchers in due form.

The Treasurer's report for Diocesan Missions has been examined and found correct—vouchers in due form.

The report from the committee to settle with Mr. Lincoln the balance due the Mission Fund, shows the amount collected, and the same agrees with the amount reported due by the last examining committee, and the same has been paid into the Mission Fund, and received due credit.

The report of the Wardens of Christ Church, Savannah, as Treasurers of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, has been examined and found correct; and your committee recommend, at the Treasurers' suggestion, that a trustee be appointed to receive the funds and act as Treasurer. Should such appointed person refuse or neglect to act, then the Bishop shall be authorized to make the appointment, and said person shall have full power from this Convention to act.

R. L. BLOOMFIELD, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Mr. Montgomery, on behalf of the same committee, presented the following

REPORT.

Your committee would recommend the consolidation of the various treasury offices of the Diocese, and the election of one Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive into his custody the several funds of the Diocese, and perform the duties now performed by the different Treasurers in charge of such funds; that such Treasurer be required to give bond, to be approved of by a committee hereinafter recommended to be appointed, for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Treasurer, and that he be paid for his services such compensation as may seem reasonable and just.

Your committee further recommend the election of an Auditor, whose duty it shall be to audit all accounts against the Diocese, and approve them, in writing, before their payment by the Treasurer.

Your committee further recommend the election of a committee of..... persons, whose duty it shall be to consider and approve the bond of the Treasurer, under whose advisory direction the Treasurer shall, from time to time, invest such funds as he may have on hand, not needed for current expenses; and that the books of the Treasurer shall always be held by him open to the inspection of the committee, who shall report to the next Convention any irregularities found to exist therein.

On motion, it was laid over to the next Convention.

The elections were resumed.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions—JOHN R. JOHNSON.

Treasurer of the University of the South—J. A. MEEKER.

Standing Committee—Rev. W. H. CLARKE, Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT, D.D., Rev. H. K. REES, Messrs. WM. HUNTER, JOHN M. GUERARD, JOHN SCREVEN.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for deputies to the General Convention, Rev. Messrs. Barnwell, Dunlop and Mr. Davidson acting as tellers, who reported the result as follows:

Clergy—Rev. Messrs. H. K. REES, WM. H. CLARKE, WM. C. WILLIAMS, D. D., SAMUEL BENEDICT, D. D.

Laymen—Messrs. CHAS. J. JENKINS, JOHN R. JOHNSON, L. N. WHITTLE, W. W. MONTGOMERY.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with in the election of alternates, and the following gentlemen were elected:

Clergy—Rev. W. C. HUNTER for Rev. H. K. Rees; Rev. A. I. DRYSDALE for Rev. W. H. Clarke; Rev. R. W. B. ELLIOTT for Rev. W. C. Williams, D.D., Rev. GEORGE MACAULEY for Rev. Samuel Benedict, D. D.

Laymen—H. H. STEINER for Chas. J. Jenkins; W. S. BOGART for John R. Johnson; P. W. ALEXANDER for L. N. Whittle; J. M. GUERARD for W. W. Montgomery.

W. S. Bogart was reëlected Registrar of the Diocese.

Trustees of the University of the South—Rev. W. C. WILLIAMS, D. D., L. N. WHITTLE, C. J. JENKINS.

The committee to which was recommitted the report on increasing the amount of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report the following plan for raising additional funds for the support of the widows and orphans of the deceased clergy of this Diocese.

First—That a Standing Committee of three be appointed, with authority to obtain contributions to the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, in such manner as they may deem best.

Second—That all moneys raised by this committee shall constitute a permanent fund, to become the property of the Diocese of Georgia, and to be held by it in perpetuity, the interest of which alone is to be used for the support of the widows and orphans of the deceased clergy of the Diocese.

Third—The interest arising from this additional fund shall be appropriated to the support of the widows and orphans surviving that clergyman of this Diocese first deceased after this date—this Convention judging if said widows and orphans require such support.

Provided, further, When said widows and orphans cease (this Convention judging) to require such support, or when said first deceased clergyman leave no widow or child, then the additional fund raised shall form a part of the general fund for widows and orphans, and be subject to all drafts against said funds.

R. L. BLOOMFIELD, *Chairman.*

Mr. Whittle moved that the Committee on Finance readjust the assessments on the Parishes for the payment of the Bishop's salary.

Mr. Montgomery offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That a committee of ..... persons be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the readjustment of the assessment upon the Parishes for the payment of the Bishop's salary, and report to the next Convention what changes, if any, it is expedient to make in the assessment.

The substitute was laid on the table, and the original motion adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Missions, appointed at the last Convention, was continued until the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to secure an Act of Incorporation for the Diocese.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Jenkins, Guerard, Montgomery, Whittle, and W. S. Bassinger, of Savannah.

Rev. Dr. Benedict, Messrs. Davidson, Shepard and Bostwick, were granted leave of absence.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That when the Convention adjourn, it be to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Dr. Benedict offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention hold its next annual session on the Wednesday after the first Sunday in May, 1875.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Convention took a recess.

HALF-PAST SEVEN P. M.

The Convention reassembled.

Rev. Mr. Elliott offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of Rev. Dr. Benedict:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, on the Thursday after the first Sunday in May, 1875.

The substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Clarke—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby gratefully tendered, to the Rector, Vestry and people of Emmanuel Church, and to the citizens of Athens generally, for their very complete arrangements for the accommodation of the Convention, and for the warm-hearted hospitality with which they have welcomed its members to their homes.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Clarke—

Resolved, That twelve hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, under the direction of the Secretary.

The Committee on Finance offered the following report, which was adopted:

The Finance Committee recommend that the assssments on the Parishes, for the payment of the Bishop's salary, remain as at present, except that the assessment upon Christ Church, Macon, for the coming year, be $300, instead of $550.

R. L. BLOOMFIELD, *Chairman.*

Mr. Bloomfield called attention to the fact that a Trustee was to be appointed to take charge of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

The Rule of Order requiring an election by ballot was suspended.

Mr. Whittle offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, be requested to appoint a suitable Trustee for the Fund, with or without bond, as they may think best.

Mr. Bloomfield offered as an amendment—

That, in case the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, refuse or neglect to appoint a Trustee, that the Bishop be authorized to appoint.

Rev. Dr. Williams moved, as a substitute—

That the Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, be requested to appoint a Trustee for the Fund.

On motion, the substitute was adopted in place of the amendment and resolution.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that a careful examination of the reports furnish much ground for encouragement.

It is true, we are compelled to acknowledge that the contributions fall below that of the preceding year; but, when we consider the general financial condition of the whole country, the only wonder is that the deficiency is not much larger.

It is also true, that the number of baptisms has fallen off, but the fact is not a cause of discouragement, for the number of adult baptisms is larger; and in conference with the Clergy, we found that the deficiency in the number of infant baptisims is due to circumstances beyond human control. The subjects for baptism were ready, but they lacked opportunity.

The best criterion, we think, of Church growth is the number of adult baptisms, confirmations and communicants. The returns, on these points, are very satisfactory. The number of confirmations exceeds twenty-five per cent. any preceding year. The number of communicants show a steady increase.

Adult baptisms	152
Confirmations	495
Communicants reported and ascertained from reliable information	3,909

The condition of our Diocesan Missions is full of encouragement. When we separated at the last Convention, the difficulties seemed insurmountable. Missionaries were unpaid and the congregations disheartened. To-day, to a large extent, through the admirable management of our invaluable Treasurer, every Missionary is paid in full—an event that has not occurred in years. Our Parishes are coming up to their obligations, and making the required collections.

It is confidently believed that the Convocations are doing good service by missions at unoccupied places, and exciting an interest in the Church. To the Savannah Convocation we owe the missions to the colored people on the Ogeechee and Satilla rivers; and the value of those missions is demonstrated by the fact that the Bishop's Address shows a Church consecrated in each mission.

Your committee would invite the attention of Parishes and Missionary Stations to the provision of the Canon on Missions, which entitles them to representation in the Convocations, and earnestly entreat them to avail themselves of this provision. If prominent laymen would, for love of the Master, lay aside their usual avocatious, and by their presence at the Convocations, encourage the Clergy, and at the same time impress on the community the fact that the laity of the Church were earnest co-workers in the Mission work of the Church, the effect could hardly be overestimated. They would be able to approach many to whom the Clergy cannot find access. Mixing familiarly with them, they could remove many of their objections to, and excite their interest in, the Church. We are disposed to regard this as a matter of so much importance that we are prepared to request the Bishop to issue a pastoral letter on the subject.

The present Convention has developed the fact that there is a unity of opinion in the Diocese, as unexpected as it is gratifying, and men who thought they were widely separated in their views of doctrine and practice, find themselves

in full accord. Neither the errors of those who leave the fold of the Church to establish schismatical altars, nor those who sympathize with doctrines and practices discarded by our Mother Church, find any sympathy here. The Prayer Book, in its integrity, is inscribed on the banner of this Diocese. Bishops and Clergy all rally to the support of this principle.

In behalf of the committee, faithfully submitted.

WM. C. WILLIAMS.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Elliott—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to Mr. Edward F. Neufville, of Savannah, Treasurer of the Diocese for the past year, for his fidelity in the exercise of his duties.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Drysdale—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Mr. John L. Villalonga for his faithfulness to trust reposed, and the eminent skill with which he has managed the Fund for the Permanent Support of the Episcopate.

On motion, the Convention appointed the following gentlemen the Committee on increasing the Fund for Widows and Orphans: Messrs. Bloomfield, Broun and Morris.

Rev. Messrs. Elliott and Weed and Mr. Whittle were nominated to the General Convention for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Drysdale called attention to the Memorial to the General Convention laid over from the last Convention.

On motion, it was laid upon the table.

After a brief address by the Bishop, and the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN W. BECKWITH,
Bishop of Georgia.

ATTEST:
W. P. KRAMER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

Rev. Geo. D. E. Mortimer, Rector.
John Williamson, Wm. Hunter, Wardens.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 8; infants, white, 55; colored—adults, 1; total,	64
Confirmations, white	41
Communicants—Died, 5; removed, at various times, 31; present number,	476
Marriages	15
Burials	32
Sunday School Teachers	26
Sunday School Scholars	175
Parish School Teachers	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$922 49
Missions—Diocesan	1,820 59
Domestic	17 25
Foreign	44 40
University of the South	40 49
Parochial Purposes	4,782 49
Special Benevolent Objects	268 80
Permanent Episcopal Fund	72 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	83 30
Bishop's Salary	1,100 00
Convention Expenses	119 09
Total	$9,270 81

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$30,000 00
Number of Sittings	800
Estimated Value of other Church Property	4 000 00
Pews, free or rented	132
Income of Parish	10,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	4,129 15
Amount of Rector's Salary Paid	all
General Financial Condition	good

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, AUGUSTA.

Rev. William H. Clarke, Rector.
C. J. Jenkins, E. P. Clayton, Wardens.

Number of Families	100
Number of Individuals not included in Families	50
Baptisms—Adults, 8; infants, 39; total	47
Confirmations—Added by first Communion, 18; by removal, 12; died, 7; removed, 22; withdrawn, 1; present number	315
Communed with the year	280
Marriages	6
Burials	37
Sunday School Teachers	20
Sunday School Scholars	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms, etc., given to the Poor		$811 45
Missions—Diocesan, $686.00; Convocate, $46.00; Church in Cartersville, $100.00		832 00
Domestic		146 40
Foreign		12 85
Parochial Purposes, including Sunday and Parish School expenses		5,025 64
University of the South		95 50
Special Benevolent Objects		338 00
Appleton's Church Home		130 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy		41 25
Society for Increase of Ministry		115 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund		40 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund		75 00
Bishop's Salary		750 00
Convention Expenses		157 50
Total		$8,570 59

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church, Sunday School Building and Grounds		$50,000 00
Number of Sittings, Pews, 142; Sittings (exclusive of Gallery)	710	
Estimated Value of Parsonage		8,000 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property (Orphan's Home)		3,000 00
Pews	rented	
Income of Parish—Total Rents, $4,202.25; Estimated Receipts about		4,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary (over and above Residence)		2,250 00

Amount of Rector's Salary paid in full to date for current year.

The Parish is indebted about $859.85. The debt is being gradually paid off, and the financial condition is therefore improving.

CHRIST CHURCH, MACON.

INCLUDING ST. BARNABAS CHAPEL.

Rev. BENJAMIN JOHNSON, Rector.
L. N. WHITTLE, Hon. C. B. COLE, Wardens.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; infants, Christ Church, 5; St. Barnabas, 14; total,	26
Confirmations	22
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 22; died, 5; removed, 10; withdrawn, 4; present number	232
Number who have Communed the past year	204
Marriages	6
Burials	11
Sunday School Teachers	23
Sunday School Scholars—Christ Church, 118; St. Barnabas, 115; total	233
St. Barnabas Industrial School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20; total	23

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms—Christ Church, 265.40; St. Barnabas, $32.60; total	$ 298 00
Missions—Diocesan	78 25
Domestic	14 00
Parochial Purposes—Salaries, etc.	3,500 00
Organist	300 00
Church Sewing Society—for Parsonage Fund	526 00
St. Barnabas Sewing Society, $290.15, and collections, $241.18; total	531 33
Christmas and Easter Donations to Rector and Family, from Ladies and Gentlemen of Christ Church	250 00
Sunday School (Easter Offerings), Christ Church	109 00
Special Benevolent Objects	20 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	14 35
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	12 75
Bishop's Salary	500 00
Total	$6,153 68

REMARKS.—Those communicants only have been reported who have actually communed, or are likely to do so. A number have been omitted (residing at a distance), and probably embraced in the reports of Missionaries. Hence the reduction from last year's report.

The Rector acknowledges with gratitude liberal donations to himself and family. May God reward the thoughtful love which prompted them! The handsome Easter gift from the children of the Mission Chapel to their Pastor is also remembered with especial pleasure.

Death and providential changes have removed some of our fast friends and earnest workers, but we have hope that God has yet much good for this faithful old Parish to accomplish. The Mission is in a highly prosperous condition.

There has been a steady growth in grace and Christian zeal. Every member seems striving to realize, in character and works, that "God *is Love*," exemplifying the blessedness of those who "dwell" and labor "together in unity."

The Easter Festival offering by Christ Church Sunday School was highly creditable to Superintendent, Teachers and Pupils.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church, about	$30,000 00
Number of Sittings—92 Pews 500 Seats, besides a Gallery, say, in all	800
Estimated Value of Parsonage, none; but a fund in hand of about	3,000 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property—St. Barnabas Chapel, say	5,000 00
Pews—about 40 rented, balance unoccupied or free.	
Income of Parish—(from Pew rent) about	2,400 00
Amount of Rector's Salary—per month, 150; per year	1,800 00
Amount of Rector's paid in full to May 1st, 1874.	

The general financial condition is not so good as heretofore—fewer pews rented and income much diminished. We owe a debt of over $1,000, which is still increasing. About $400 of this debt was caused by damage from a storm.

The Parish has not been able to pay any part of the Bishop's salary this year, but the same has been furnished by borrowing $350, and $200 donated by a member of the congregation.

TRINITY CHURCH, COLUMBUS.

Rev. W. C. Hunter, Rector.
Robert Carter, D. S. Porter, Wardens.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 42; Adults, white, 11; colored, 3; total	56
Confirmations—White, 47; colored, 6; total	53
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 24; by removal, 2; died, 5; removed, 5; present number	226
Marriages	10
Burials	18
Sunday School Teachers	12
Sunday School Scholars, white	125
Parish School Teachers	1
Parish School Scholars	80
Average attendance	45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 177 15
Missions—Diocesan	142 95
Offerings and Subscriptions for the Rectory	2,475 14
Other Offerings	395 00
Sunday School Offerings for Rectory	205 97
Other Sunday School Offerings	30 00
Parochial Purposes	2,885 42

Contributed to the Parish School	295 00
By Ladies' Benevolent Society	136 65
Special Benevolent Objects	56 30
Permanent Episcopal Fund	14 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	18 00
Bishop's Salary	300 00
Convention Expenses	105 00
Total	$7,236 58

The weekly service for the colored people is continued, with a prospect of their soon being able to establish a Parish of their own.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$10,000 00
Number of Sittings	about 400	
Estimated value of Parsonage		7,000 00
Pews	rented	
Income of Parish	about	2,400 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		1,800 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		1,800 00

There is a debt of about $3,000 existing against the Parish, which we hope to be able to raise during the present year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

SAMUEL BENEDICT, D.D., Rector.
WM. S. BOGART, JOHN R. JOHNSON, Wardens.

Number of Families	124
Number of Individuals not included in Families	66
Baptisms—Adults, white, 2; Infants, 15; total	17
Confirmations	9
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 17; by remeval, 21; dead, 8; removed, 23; withdrawn, 2; present number	261
Number not communing within twelve months	about 30
Marriages	7
Burials	17
Sunday School Teachers	19
Sunday School Scholars	125

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms		$ 358 15
Missions—Diocesan (to Diocesan Treasurer)	$313 85	
" (to St. Mathew's Church)	166 75	480 60
Domestic		40 00

Parochial Purposes—Reduction of Church Debt	3,259 37
Parish Expenses, including Salaries	4,500 00
Miscellaneous	178 50
Sunday School Contributions	80 55
Special Benevolent Objects—University of the South	25 65
Orphan's Home, Savannah	157 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	32 53
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	38 40
Bishop's Salary	750 00
Convention Expenses	128 00
Total	$10,028 75

The past year has been one of heaviness and small returns. The debt under which the Parish still labors has been greatly reduced, though it still continues to hinder contributions and embarrass progress. The Rector's absence for many months has also contributed to the unsatisfactory returns reported. To him and his family it has been a year of sorrow and loss. For tokens of sympathy extended, he here tenders to many parishioners and friends this tribute of gratitude.

Two Bible Classes, one male and one female, have been formed, conducted by two gentlemen of the Vestry.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$45,000 00
Number of Sittings	600	
Pews	rented	
Income of Parish		5,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		2,750 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid in full to 1st of May		

The financial condition of St. John's Church has been greatly improved within the last year. The consolidated debt, payable in monthly instalments, as stated in our last report, is in successful progress of payment, and we trust in a couple of years to be entirely free from this burden. A floating debt of $700 was paid by the offertory collection on Easter Day, being a special contribution of our people for that purpose, set aside during Lent as a Thanksgiving offering to Almighty God.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLEDGEVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Stoney, Minister in charge.
Jno. S. Thomas, J. W. Herty, Wardens.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; total	5
Confirmations	4
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 5; by removal, 2; died, 1; present number	40
Marriages	1

Burials	3
Sunday School Teachers	6
Sunday School Scholars, white	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 25 00
Missions—Diocesan	9 15
Parochial Purposes	9 00
Convocation	3 70
Special Repairs, etc	218 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	10 50
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	9 15
Bishop's Salary	25 00
Convention Expenses	17 00
Total	$327 30

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$1,500 00
Number of Sittings	175	
Estimated Value of Parsonage	none	
Estimated Value of other Church Property	none	
Pews	free	
Income of Parish		900 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		700 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		479 18

Church in a good, flourishing condition; congregations very good and increasing.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DARIEN.

Rev. Robert F. Clute, D. D., Rector.
W. Robert Gignilliat and E. S. Barclay, Wardens.

Baptisms—Adults, whites, 2; infants, 3; total	5
Confirmations—white	15
Communicants—Added, by first Communion, 8; by removal, 20; died, 3; removed, 2; present number	107
Marriages	13
Burials	9
Sunday School Teachers	4
Sunday School Scholars—White, 29; colored, 20; total	49
Parish School Teachers	1
Scholars	12

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missions—Diocesan	$ 35 00
Domestic	2 50
Foreign	10 00

Parochial Purposes	427 00
Savannah Convocation	50 00
University of the South	2 50
Permanent Episcopal Fund	5 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	2 50
Bishop's Salary	40 00
Convention Expenses	42 00
Total	$614 00

The Hon. and Rev. James W. Leigh, M. A., late Vicar of Stoneleigh, England, has fitted up a very neat Chapel on his plantation, on Butler's Island where he has gathered a very large congregation of whites and colored people, among whom he is doing good service in the ministry. Fifteen communicants (fourteen by removal) and two marriages reported by him are included in the above statistics.

Three gentlemen outside of the Vestry have undertaken to erect a Church edifice, and probably a Rectory, in Darien. Subscriptions are in progress to build a Chapel on Doboy Island, where there is a large changing population of mariners and timber-hands during eight months of the year.

The Church on the Ridge has been painted and otherwise improved.

There is a movement among the colored people in Darien to form an Episcopal congregation. Apparently much work will be done (D. V.) during the coming conventional year.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$ 3,500 00
Number of Sittings	200	
Estimated Value of Parsonage		1,000 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property		1,000 00
Pews—Rented or Free		free
Income of Parish		2,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		1,200 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		1,200 00

General Financial Condition.—Parish out of debt.

ST. JAMES', CHURCH, MARIETTA.

Rev. W. E. Eppes, Rector.
William Root and Dr. B. R. Strong, Wardens.

Number of Families, 36; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 34; total	70
Baptisms—Whites, 14; adults, 4; total	18
Confirmations	22
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 21; by removal, 2; died, 2, removed, 14; present number	103
Marriages	3

Burials	5
Sunday School Teachers	10
Sunday School Scholars	70

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms—not otherwise appropriated	$ 89 10
Missions—Diocesan	52 00
Domestic	11 00
Foreign (Miss Baldwin's School at Joppa, Syria)	4 00
Parochial Purposes	31 96
Convocation	11 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	9 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	15 00
Bishop's Salary	75 00
Convention Expenses	49 00
Memphis Sufferers	33 00
Total	$380 06

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church—same as reported last year		$ 4,000 00
Number of Sittings	300	
Estimated Value of Parsonage		1,500 00
Pews—Body of the Church rented; Galleries	free	
Income of Parish	about	1,100 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		800 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		800 00

General Financial Condition.—The income of the Parish does not meet all the expenses, and the deficit has not entirely been made up yet. We are in debt over $700, and do not see any immediate prospect of being able to pay. Both Parsonage and Church edifice need repairs. No change in value of Church property.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, ATHENS.

Rev. A. I. Drysdale, Rector.
W. Leroy Broun and Charles Morris, Wardens.

Number of Families, 35; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 32; total	67
Baptisms—White, 8; adults, 7; total	15
Confirmations—White	26
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 25; by removal, 6; died, 2; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number	126
Number not communing within the year	5
Marriages	1
Burials	2
Sunday School Teachers	10
Sunday School Scholars—White	95

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms—not otherwise appropriated	$ 106 40
Missions—Diocesan (including $100 Dr. R. D. Moore)	309 25
Parochial Purposes	2,150 56
Disabled Clergy	18 00
Special Benevolent Object—Memphis Sufferers	49 35
Easter Offering—Memorial Fund, $100; Bishop's Chair, by Sunday School $75	175 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	56 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	10 25
Bishop's Salary	175 00
Convention Expenses	50 50
Total	$3,100 31

The Parish, under God, is united and seems to be in a prosperous condition. On Easter Day the sittings were declared to be free to all. The Rector is supported by the Weekly Offertory. The death, on October 31st, of Dr. R. D. Moore, for many years our Senior Warden, was a blow alike crushing to all, for by all was he esteemed and loved. His zeal for the Parish never flagged. What was her work was his, and never have I seen in any man, in devotion to the interests of the Church, greater singleness of heart than was displayed by him. When he fell, I felt as if God had stricken away my right hand.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$ 5,000 00
Number of Sittings	about 400
Estimated Value of Parsonage	3,000 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property	300 00
Pews	free
Income of Parish	2,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	1,560 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	paid in full to date.

Emmanuel Church was made a free Church on Easter Monday, and the Rector is paid by weekly offerings. The income of the Church about meeting its expenses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ROME.

Rev. Wm. C. Williams, D.D., Rector.
John W. Noble and Joseph E. Veal, Wardens.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 17; adults, 3; total	20
Confirmations	30
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 32; by removal, 10; died, 3; removed, 11; withdrawn, 3; present number	197
Marriages	2
Burials	13
Sunday School Teachers	21
Sunday School Scholars	120

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 94 18
Missions—Diocesan	59 44
Domestic	10 50
Foreign	49 85
Parochial Purposes	2,236 66
Convention	41 00
Special Benevolent Objects	119 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen	13 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	10 50
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	17 00
Bishop's Salary	125 00
Convention Expenses	38 00
University of the South	10 00
Total	$ 2,824 13

During the past year the Church has been enlarged by the addition of sixty sittings, and gas has been introduced.

A member of the congregation has presented to the Parish a lot in the Cemetery for the benefit of such communicants as are unable to purchase one for themselves. The ladies have taken charge of it and adorned it with a great deal of taste.

The Ladies' Sewing Society have continued their labors of love. Of the amount reported above they contributed about $215, which, by their order, has been appropriated to paying for the gas-fixtures, painting the Church, and improving the lot in the Cemetery.

The Parish is under great obligation to Mr. H. F. Spaulding, of New York, for an Eagle Lectern of exquisite beauty. This Lectern was used for the first time on Easter Sunday.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church—Lot and Building	$3,000 00
Number of Sittings	350
Estimated Value of Parsonage	3,500 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property—Organ	1,200 00
Pews	rented
Income of Parish—Pew Rents	1,300 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	1,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid	700 00

General Financial Condition.—In arrears, caused by the panic.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, ATLANTA.

Rev. R. W. B. Elliott, Rector.
Rev. Reverdy Estill, Assistant Minister.
Edward Parsons and P. Roman, Wardens.

Baptisms—White, 35; Infants, 28; total	63
Confirmations	62

Communicants—Added by first Communion, 58; by removal, 48; removed, 30; withdrawn, 1; disciplined, 1; present number	343
(Of whom 15 have not communed in twelve months.)	
Marriages	7
Burials	12
Sunday School Teachers—St. Philip's, 24; Holy Innocent's, 22; Redeemer, 17; total	63
Sunday School Scholars—White—St. Philip's, 207; Holy Innocent's, 200; Redeemer, 125; total	532
Parish Night School Teachers	4
Parish Night School Scholars	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 340 00
Missions—Diocesan	296 15
Domestic	15 00
Disabled Clergy	26 00
Expended in Mission of Holy Innocents	450 00
Lot for Mission of Redeemer	600 00
Expended in Mission of Redeemer	495 00
Parochial Purposes	4,478 45
Rectory (in addition to $1000 reported before)	3,000 00
Enlargement of old Church	1,000 00
For new Church (from the North)	200 00
St. Philip's Sunday School	96 82
Atlanta Convocation	28 50
Permanent Episcopal Fund	78 50
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	24 70
Bishop's Salary	400 00
Convention Expenses	134 00
University of the South—Coupon, $30; Collection, $45	75 00
Appleton Church Home	100 00
Total	$ 11,838 12

Missions.—Since my last report, the Mission of the Holy Innocents, under the direction of its exceedingly able Superintendent, Dr. W. S. Townsend, has been *thoroughly* accomplishing the work for which it was organized—giving the children belonging to it definite views of religion, besides improving them steadily by the example and refining influences of their teachers. The Rev. Thomas Boone was for a short time in charge of this Mission, giving our people the advantage of his admirable teaching; but, to the sorrow of his many friends, ill-health compelled him to resign in the beginning of January.

Its younger sister, the Mission of the Redeemer, as the popular voice declares, has been a blessing to the ward in which it is situated. The teachers have been very earnest in their regenerating work—not confining themselves to the Sunday School and the daily work of visiting, but have opened a night school, where a number of laborers and mechanics have been taught to read and write —and it was my privilege, on the evening of the 27th of April, to baptize more

than twenty adults, and, during the same week, to present to the Bishop twenty-six candidates for confirmation from this Mission. For the past year, Friday night services have been maintained at this point with gratifying attendance. In April the ladies secured a very excellent lot at a cost of $600, upon which they hope to build a chapel.

The Rectory.—It was mentioned last year that $1,000 had been made by the Ladies' Sewing Society and appropriated to a Rectory. They added $500 to this amount and placed it in the hands of William B. Lowe, Esq., who, by his energy and popularity, secured $2,300 additional and superintended the building of this delightful residence, which has been occupied since the first of November last. The Rector desires thus publicly to acknowledge his indebtedness to the ladies, Mr. Lowe and the subscribers to the fund. The house is of brick, two clear stories, with eight rooms, besides bath-room, kitchen, closets, etc. Of the $4,300 that it cost, $500 remains still unpaid, but the ladies who so bravely began the work, having assumed the debt, its speedy liquidation is insured.

Addition to the Old Church.—Four weeks ago the Vestry determined to again enlarge the old Church, and again has the Senior Warden, Mr. Edward Parsons, assumed the building, increasing (upon the most advantageous terms to the Parish) the sittings from 650 to over 900. Last year his assistance enabled us to accomplish an extension, and I mention it to remark that for the second time in twelve months his public spirit has placed us under such obligations.

In conclusion, I would call attention to the Dorcas Society, an association which has distributed, during the past winter, two hundred and fifty-nine articles of clothing, besides funds to the amount of several hundred dollars, mentioned under the head of "Contributions."

In the work of the Parish the Rector begs to acknowledge the invaluable services of Rev. Reverdy Estill, assistant minister, who has been "instant in season and out of season" in the discharge of his ministry.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$ 5,000 00
Number of Sittings	925	
Estimated Value of Parsonage		4,500 00
Estimated Value of other Church Property		25,000 00
Pews Rented	160	
Income of Parish		4,500 00
Amount of Rector's Salary		2,500 00
Amount of Assistant's Salary		1,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		2,500 00
Amount of Assistant's Salary paid		1,000 00

General Financial Condition.—There is an indebtedness against the Church of about $2,000.

ZION CHURCH, TALBOTTON.

Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants, white	1
Communicants—Present number	24

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 5 00
Parochial Purposes	10 00
Total	$ 15 00

The Church building is now, through the liberality of the citizens, in a good condition. My labors here are chiefly to feed the flock. The accessions are small; but few from the denominations are added to our number, though their attendance is large and their liberality great. Several of the old members have returned, and more interest is now manifested than at any previous time.

I have not been as attentive lately to this congregation as I could wish, from a change in the trains, which has forced me to walk several miles in the night.

ADVENT CHURCH, MADISON.

Rev. J. Knowles, Rector.

Number of Families, 4; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 6; total	10
Baptisms—Infants, whites	1
Communicants—removed, 2; present number	9

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 7 00
Missions—Diocesan	5 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund	1 50
Bishop's Salary	5 00
Convention Expenses	2 00
Total	$20 50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALBANY.

Rev. Edward McClure, Rector (Resigned.)

Richard Hobbs, N. F. Tift, Wardens.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 1; infants, 3; total	4
Confirmations—White	7
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 7; died, 4; removed, 7; present number	57

Marriages	2
Burials	5
Sunday School Teachers	7
Sunday School Scholars—White	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$100 00
Missions—Diocesan	4 60
Parochial Purposes—(Bishop's Salary, Convention Expenses)	101 00
Total	$205 60

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$4,000 00
Number of Sittings	150
Estimated Value of Parsonage	.....
Estimated Value of other Church Property	1,000 00
Pews	free
Income of Parish	about 1,500 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	1,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid	1,000 00

General Financial Condition.—We are not in debt.

Rev. Edward McClure, the Rector in charge, on account of enfeebled health, resigned last February, and the Parish is now without a Pastor. The field for an earnest Minister is one of the best in the Diocese, and our people will be glad to welcome a shepherd to their midst.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, AUGUSTA.

Rev. W. P. Kramer, Rector.

John S. Davidson, Samuel H. Shepard, Wardens.

Number of Families, 63; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 49; total	112
Baptisms—Infants, white, 32; adults, 12; total	44
Confirmations—White	34
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 50; by removal, 23; died, 3; removed, 4; present number	189
Marriages	2
Burials	15
Sunday School Teachers	13
Sunday School Scholars	80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 25 00
Missions—Diocesan	37 35

Parochial Purposes—Current Expenses, including Rector's Salary	1,748 18
Ladies' Society	704 75
Fund for Rectory	300 00
Miscellaneous	484 10
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	20 75
Permanent Episcopal Fund	21 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	9 00
Bishop's Salary	25 00
Convention Expenses	57 00
Total	$3,591 13

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$15,000 00
Number of Sittings	380	
Estimated Value of Church Property—School House, $2,500; Organ, $600; total		3,100 00
Pews		rented
Income of Parish—Sunday Collections, $500; Pew Rents, $1,000		1,500 00
Amount of Rector's Salary—Parsonage and		1,200 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid		1,200 00

General Financial Condition.—The Parish is free of debt, and its general financial condition is good.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CAVE SPRINGS.

Rev. Stephen E. Barnwell, Missionary.
J. H. Dent, R. J. M. Perkins, Wardens.

Baptisms	1
Communicants	23

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial Purposes	$ 44 80
Bishop's Salary	2 50
	$ 47 30

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church		$1,250 00
Number of Sittings	150 to 200	
Pews		free
Amount of Rector's Salary	and collections	100 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid—first quarter		23 50

General Financial Condition.—We are now doing some repairs on Church; will also send our organ to Philadelphia at once for repairs. We hope to raise enough money to have at least two services in each month.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

Rev. J. S. Atwell, Rector.
Henry L. Giles, Cyrus Campfield, Wardens.

Number of Families	51
Baptisms—Colored, 26; adults, 6; total	32
Confirmations—Colored	12
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 18; by removal, 2; died, 2; withdrawn, 6; present number	121
Marriages	3
Burials	11
Sunday School Teachers	12
Sunday School Scholars—Colored	86

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 69 49
Missions—Domestic	8 00
Parochial Purposes	262 16
Special Benevolent Objects	32 25
Total	$371 90

In submitting this report, it is but just to add that the Parish is fast recovering from the disorganized condition in which it was found when my rectorate commenced. Its gradual progress exceeds the most sanguine expectations of those interested. That my ministrations have been appreciated may be inferred from the increased attendance at divine worship.

The "Sewing Circle" has been converted into a Ladies' Parish Aid Association, and its object now is not only to increase the finances, but to aid in general Parish work.

There has also been formed a Sunday School Library Association, having for its object the procuring of a library, which is a sad want. In connection with this Association there is a Sewing Circle of the girls of the Sunday School. This Circle prepares fancy articles, and sells them in behalf of the library.

A "Children's Service" has also been inaugurated, on which occasion the children are catechised, and a special address made once per month. The Rector's Bible Class has proved a success, several useful members having been added to the Church from the number taught

The Lenten Season was strictly observed, and, above all, the attendance at the Holy Communion is better than ever in the history of the Parish

Besides the amount reported in the foregoing for Parochial purposes, $125 have been raised and expended in the purchase of an organ for the Sunday School, and other funds have been collected (amounting to nearly $400) toward the repairs of the roof of the building and the stuccoing of the outer walls, which will be accomplished in a few weeks.

When it is told that all this has been effected with little or no help from abroad, and with no novelties introduced into the services, but by a strict adherence to the doctrines of the Church, as contained in the Prayer Book, it must be admitted that St. Stephen's will (with continued favor from on High)

prove beyond a doubt the importance and appreciation of "the faith once delivered to the saints," and the "beauty of holiness" to be found in our catholic and apostolic Communion.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$6,000 00
Number of Sittings	300
Estimated Value of Parsonage—(unfinished)	3,000 00
Pews	part rented
Amount of Rector's Salary—(including $100 received from Domestic Missionary Society)	1,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid	nearly up to date.

The general financial condition of the Parish is good.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK.

J. T. Blain and J. B. Habersham, Wardens.

Number of Families, 45; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 29; total	74
Communicants—Removed, 1; present number	100
Marriages	1
Sunday School Teachers	8
Sunday School Scholars—White	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Convention Expenses	$ 12 75

During the past year, owing to the want of a Church building and regular place in which to hold our Sunday School, the attendance at School has been very irregular.

St. Mark's Church is on the eve of completion, and we hope soon to erect a Sunday School building, when, we trust, the children who have attended heretofore will become regular attendants.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$10,800 00	
Number of Sittings	300	
Pews	To be rented	
Income of Parish..Will depend upon amount realized from Pew-rent.		
Amount of Rector's Salary		800 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	paid in full	

General Financial Condition—The Rev. Charles Ritter, our last Rector, resigned his charge July 23d, 1873, since which time all the resources of this Parish have been applied to the completion of our new Church building. Our financial condition may be considered very encouraging, when we state that St.

Mark's Church, the corner-stone of which was laid by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese on the 26th of January, 1873, is nearly finished—lacking only the fitting of the pews to be ready for use. The Church and furniture, together with the lot on which the building stands, cost $10,800—the most of which amount, through the liberality of friends, we have been enabled to liquidate—leaving only an indebtedness of $1,080 to be provided for. The principal donations to our building fund were from the following parties:

Mrs. Mary Lee Stewart, of Philadelphia	$2,287 13
The Ladies of St. Mark's Guild, Mrs. J. M. Cooper, Pres't	2,707 14
Mrs. M. K. Nightingale's family	950 00
Hon. Thomas M. Forman	800 00
Maj. N. Dart	400 00

Had not our estimable friend, Mrs. Stewart, taken the initiative in contributing to the fund for the purpose, the attempt to build a church at this time would not have been made. The entire indebtedness of this Parish amounts to $1,240.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, GRIFFIN, GA.

JOHN MCINTOSH KELL, Senior Warden.

Baptisms—Infants, white	2
Communicants—Removed, 3; present number	60
Sunday School Teachers	7
Sunday School Scholars—White	38

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 30 00
Missions—Diocesan	28 65
Domestic	100 00
Parochial Purposes	341 50
Special Benevolent Objects	147 00
Bishop's Salary	50 00
Total	$697 15

Since the first of February this Parish has been without a Rector. Services have been held, however, very regularly by members of the Vestry. Rev. Mr. Macauley, of St. Luke's, Atlanta, has kindly officiated for us on three occasions. We feel the need of a Rector, and our Bishop has promised to aid us in securing the services of some one, as this is a splendid opening for increasing the growth of the Church. Our estimates are as nearly correct as possible, having no definite data to go by.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary.

Communicants—Removed, 2; present number	13
Sunday School Teachers	3
Sunday School Scholars, white	12

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missions—Diocesan	$ 4 00
Parochial Purposes	20 00
Total	$24 00

Having no Church building of our own, the President of the Baptist College has kindly tendered the use of his Chapel, where I have officiated during the last year to large congregations.

Our Parish has lost much in the removal of the Senior Warden, with his family, to another part of the Diocese, whose zeal for the growth of the Church is well worthy of mention.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, GREENESBORO'.

Rev. J. Knowles, Rector.

Number of Families, 7; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 4; total	11
Communicants—Died, 1; present number	15
Marriages	1
Burials	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$11 00
Missions—Diocesan	3 00
Convention Expenses	2 00
Total	$16 00

The Parishes in Madison and Greenesboro' have been annually weakened by removals and deaths, but there is no disposition in either to give up the services of the Church.

ASCENSION CHURCH, SPARTA.

Rev. J. M. Stoney, Minister in charge.
James Smith, Vestryman.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 7; adults, 3; total	10
Confirmations	3
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 4; dead, 2; removed, 4; present number	11

Sunday School Teachers	5
Sunday School Scholars	16

The congregation now come together for public service once a month, in the Presbyterian Church. I cannot say too much in commendation of the kindness shown us by the Presbyterians in Sparta. I have reason to believe that they have disappointed themselves rather than hinder the regularity of our monthly Sunday service. Our people now are making active efforts to build a Church for themselves.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Income of Parish	$200 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	200 00

General Financial Condition.—Disorganized.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, DALTON.

Rev. STEPHEN E. BARNWELL, Minister in charge.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total	8
Confirmations—White	6
Communicants	30
Sunday School Teachers	7
Sunday School Scholars	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missions—Diocesan	$ 1 75
Parochial Purposes	273 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	1 40
Bishop's Salary	15 50
Total	$291 65

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, THOMASVILLE.

Rev. P. TELLER BABBITT, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 3; Adults, white, 5; total	8
Confirmations	6
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 4; removed, 2; present number	24
Sunday School Teachers	3
Sunday School Scholars	20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missions—Diocesan	$ 2 20
Permanent Episcopal Fund	1 80
Bishop's Salary	25 00
Convention Expenses	5 00
Total	$34 00

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, Dean in charge.

Number of Families	8
Baptisms—Infants	1
Communicants—Died, 1; removed, 1; present number	14

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms—estimated	$40 00
Missions—Diocesan	6 00
Domestic	2 75
Parochial Purposes	80 00
Bishop's Salary	25 00
Total	$153 75

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BAINBRIDGE.

Rev. P. Teller Babbitt, D.D., Rector.

Confirmations—White	1
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 1; by removal, 1; died, 1; removed, 5; present number	19
Marriages	2
Burials	6
Sunday School Teachers	1
Sunday School Scholars—White	11

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Missions—Diocesan	$15 45
Parochial Purposes	46 98
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	2 00
Convention Expenses	2 00
Total	$66 43

By death and removal our number has been diminished during the past year. In my last report I stated that "our Church building has been framed, boarded and roofed." By the severe storm of last fall, all was prostrated. From the state of the times, we have not been able to move a step towards a restoration.

ST. PAUL'S FREE CHURCH, MACON.

Rev. H. K. Rees, Rector.
Wm. Hazlehurst and A. R. Tinsley, Wardens.

Number of Families, 49; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 3; total	52
Baptisms—Infants, white, 10; Adults, 5; total	15
Confirmations—White	14
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 16; by removal, 8; died, 7; removed, 1; present number	105
Marriages	5
Burials	15
Sunday School Teachers	9
Sunday School Scholars	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 118 45
Missions—Diocesan	20 05
Domestic	14 00
Parochial Purposes	228 05
Rector's Salary, through Offertory	1,598 53
Donations to Rector	75 00
Bishop's Salary	100 00
Convention Expenses	26 25
Total	$2,180 33

The congregation of St. Paul's Parish, during the past year, have shown great unity of purpose and feeling, deep earnestness in worship, and full attendance on the services of the Church.

Especially during Lent, I would notice the use of the Holy Communion, at its weekly celebrations, by male communicants, and the sustaining of the weekly communion during the entire year by encouraging numbers.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church, and adjacent Lots	$8,000 00
Number of Sittings	250
Pews	free
Amount of Rector's Salary (through Offertory)	1,598 53

ASCENSION CHURCH, CARTERSVILLE.

Rev. Samuel J. Pinkerton, Missionary.
W. S. Latta, H. H. Hull, Wardens.

Number of Families	12
Baptisms—Infants, white	5
Confirmations—White	1
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 4; by removal, 6; removed, 2; present number	24

Marriages	1
Sunday School Teachers	1
Sunday School Scholars—White	12

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 11 50
Missions—Diocesan	10 00
Domestic	5 00
Parochial Purposes—For building Church	700 00
Total	$726 50

In making my report to the Convention, for the year now closing, it is proper that I should state that I had charge (as Missionary) of St. Mark's, Dalton, and the Church in Kingston, for six months of the current year. The Missionary now in charge of those Churches will report (under their proper heads) the results of my work.

The Church in Cartersville is at last finished, and has been occupied for the past month. It gives me great pleasure, in this connection, to record my own personal sense of obligation, as well as that of the Vestry of Ascension Church, to the kind friends in Savannah, Augusta and Macon, who so generously assisted us to complete the Church edifice.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church	$2,500 00
Number of Sittings	260
Pews	free

General Financial Condition.—We are in debt for the creation of the Church building about $650.

CALVARY CHURCH, AMERICUS.

Rev. Frank Hallam, Minister in charge.
Uriah B. Harrold, A. W. Smith, Wardens.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 5; adults, 1; total	6
Confirmations—Whites	4
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 4; by removal, 1; present number	27
Marriages	2
Sunday School Teachers	5
Sunday School Scholars	33

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$4 30
Missions—Diocesan	32 33
Parochial Purposes—Children's Easter Offering and Minister's Salary for three months	206 87
Permanent Episcopal Fund	14 80
Bishop's Salary	10 00
Convention Expenses	10 50
Total	$278 80

Owing to the want of a Minister from the first of May, 1873, to the middle of January, 1874, the work of the Parish was entirely suspended during that time. In the interval, one of the marriages above reported was celebrated by Rev. Thomas Boone, and one communicant was added by removal. The Wardens' report shows that the Church debt is more than double the amount we have for some time supposed it to be. This is sad intelligence to the small company of faithful people whose hearts and hands have moved together in the Church's behalf; for we had hoped to have it consecrated before the beginning of another year. Hope is deferred, but sickness of heart has not yet ensued; and we look for godly patience and perseverance to overcome in time, although a longer time than we have heretofore supposed would be necessary.

We trust that the necessity of the cause, and liberal offerings from the people here, will draw forth the assistance of friends to the Master's work in this Parish.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Value of Church	$4 500 00
Number of Sittings	250
Pews	free
Amount of Rector's Salary	800 00
Amount of Rector's Salary paid	800 00

General Financial Condition.—We have a Church debt, incurred in building, of $2,500, and are so weak in numbers that it must take some years, we fear, to work out.

KINGSTON MISSION.

Rev. S. E. Barnwell, Missionary.

Confirmations	4
Baptisms—Adults	3
Communicants	6

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWNAN.

Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary.

Communicants	12

There is here an excellent field for the Church. The people desire to have the services as frequently as possible. Rev. Mr. George has greatly endeared himself to them, and an occasional service from him would be very acceptable. I have not been able to give them the attention they deserve, but hope hereafter (until they are better provided for) to give them a service once a month.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SUMMERVILLE.

Rev. E. G. Weed, Rector.
C. J. Jenkins, W. W. Montgomery, Wardens.

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church and Furniture	$8,000 00
Number of Sittings	208
Estimated Value of Church Property	5,000 00
Pews	free
Income of Parish	about 1,500 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	1,000 00

Amount of Rector's Salary paid in full to date.

The general financial condition is good.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ATLANTA.

Rev. George Macauley, Rector.

Number of Families	32
Baptisms—Infants, white, 31; adults, 2; total	33
Confirmations	16
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 10; by removal, 5; removed, 7; present number	51
Marriages	4
Burials	11
Sunday School Teachers—At St. Luke's	8
Sunday School Scholars— " " "	80
Sunday School Teachers—At Mission at the Rolling Mills	5
Sunday School Scholars— " " " " "	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Amount raised for Parish Purposes $600 00

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ATHENS.

Rev. Henry E. Lucas, Rector.
I. G. Connell, R. L. Bloomfield, Wardens.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 21; Adults, white, 17; total	38
Confirmations—White	31
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 13; by removal, 1; died, 1; removed, 2; present number	68
Marriages	3
Burials	1
Sunday School Teachers	14
Sunday School Scholars—White	134

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 33 35
Missions—Diocesan	29 00

Permanent Episcopal Fund	$6 15
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	3 40
Bishop's Salary	75 00
Convention Expenses	28 50
Total	$175 40

WARDENS' REPORT.

Estimated Value of Church Property	$1,000 00
Number of Sittings	240
Pews	free
Income of Parish	1,000 00
Amount of Rector's Salary	750 00

Amount of Rector's Salary paid in full.

The financial condition is good.

ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

Rev. T. C. Stanley, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 42; adults, 8; total	50
Confirmations—White	30
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 26; by removal, 10; died, 4; removal, 24; present number	147
Marriages	8
Burials	18
Sunday School Teachers	11
Sunday School Scholars—White	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$53 00
Missions - Diocesan	25 00

Episcopal Orphan Home—*T. C. Stanley, Rector.*—Of this noble Church charity the Diocese has known nothing officially, although it had its beginning more than twenty years ago, and hundreds have been its beneficiaries. As is common, this institution is the work of pious women. Right well it has accomplished its work in the past. To-day it is vigorous—a blessing, under God to the lonely.

Property and invested fund of the Home	$18,000 00
Last year's income	1,982 03
Last year's expenses	1,508 45
Average number of inmates	18
Cost of each	69 87

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HAWKINSVILLE.

Rev. Joshua Knowles, Rector.
John Henry, C. H. Colding, Wardens.

Baptisms—Infants, white	1
Confirmations—Colored	1

Communicants—Added by first Communion, 1; present number..... 10
Sunday School Teachers..... 9
Sunday School Scholars..... 30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial Purposes.....	$ 130 00
Bishop's Salary.....	7 50
Convention Expenses.....	2 50
Total.....	$11 30

WARDENS' REPORT.

Value of Church.....		$ 1,000 00
Number of Sittings.....	120	
Estimated Value of Church Property—Organ.....		200 00
Pews.....		free

General Financial Condition.—This Parish is not in debt, but is very weak in numbers, and also in financial ability.

MISSION OF THE SAVANNAH CONVOCATION.

Rev. H. Dunlop, Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 7; colored, 16; Adults, white, 4; colored, 8; total..... 35
Confirmations—White, 4; colored, 6; total..... 10
Communicants—Added, 42; by removal, 6; died, 2; removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number..... 169
Marriages..... 4
Burials..... 3

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions for the support of the Mission, during the past year, not reported elsewhere, contributed at the Mission Station and by friends of the Mission, amount to.....$675 00

The Missionary begs to report that the services of the Church have been sustained throughout the past year at the several Mission stations occupied during the preceding—the Isle of Hope, Beaulieu and Montgomery, and on the Ogeechee and Satilla rivers. In addition to the monthly services held by the Missionary at the Isle of Hope, Lay services have been regularly sustained there, which have contributed materially towards exciting and sustaining an interest in the work of the Mission.

The Mission to the colored people of the Ogeechee continues to grow and afford proof that the services of our Church are attractive and edifying, not alone to the intelligent and cultivated mind, but also suited to the spiritual wants of the lowest grade of the African race that speaks or attempts to speak the English language. During the past year the Church building erected in this place, as reported last year, has been consecrated by the name of St. Mark's, the lot upon which it stands donated, and also lumber to enclose it. The membership has been increased by the return of several who had

connected themselves with the denominations during the war, and by the baptism of eight adults, five of whom were admitted to the Holy Communion by the Rite of Confirmation.

The Satilla River Mission, although sustained under many disadvantages, continues to inspire feelings of hope that the labor bestowed there will prove not to have been in vain. The Church building, which was not quite completed a year ago, has been consecrated by the name of the Church of the Messiah.

Friends of the Mission have given valuable donations of books—Prayer Books and other religious books—for lending, at the discretion of the Missionary, also a Communion service and Chancel furniture.

Five have been confirmed, and four adults baptized.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION, SAVANNAH.

Rev. J. Robert Love, Missionary.

Number of Families, 22; Number of Individuals not included in Families, 9; total	31
Baptisms—Infants, colored, 51; adults, colored, 4; total	55
Confirmations—White, 1; colored, 11; total	12
Communicants—Added by first Communion, 12; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number	40
Marriages	2
Burials	6
Sunday School Teachers	6
Sunday School Scholars—Colored	85
Parish School Teachers	2
Parish School Scholars	85

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 20 50
Parochial Purposes	72 50
Total	$93 00

Rt. Rev. and Dear Bishop: We are now in the second year of our existence as a Missionary congregation. The past year has decidedly been one of both spiritual and material progress, and its history will be recalled with much pleasure in days to come as the testimony of God's good providence, and as an encouragement to us to work on and hope. The vigour of this Mission may be seen in the activity of its members, in their endeavours to spread a knowledge of the Church and of the great truths she teaches, the regularity of its services, the increasing interest of those living within the influence of its operations, and the accessions it has had. If its statistics do not show this year as large a number of baptized infants, or a larger number of confirmed members, or so large an amount of offerings as the last year, the reason will be seen in the fact that four months of the last Convention year I spent in the North, striving to raise means to build for us a house of worship for God—a habitation wherein He may dwell. And this labor has not been in vain in the Lord. A handsome and substantial Chapel, of sufficient capacity to accommodate five

hundred persons, has been erected (though not yet finished), and will soon, I hope, afford us facilities for all the purposes of prayer and praise. This is some compensation, and shows that there has been no absolute loss in the Mission.

Two principal causes (each powerful in itself) have combined to diminish slightly the number of children in our Parish and Sunday School. The one is the monetary panic of 1873, which has been felt through all the land, and no less in our city than elsewhere. The dullness of the last winter, consequent on it, has forced children out to service, and, in some cases, placed them beyond our reach. The enlarged operations of the Municipal Free Schools in our city is the other cause, the effects of which we feel in some measure. With the aid of two Parish School teachers, however, now actively at work, we are fast adding to the number of our pupils, and if, in the face of the Public Schools, our Church work among the young maintains its influence this year (as seems almost certain), we have no fears for the future. The only serious obstacle in the way of our progress is the want of a convenient Church, and, as this obstacle is fast being removed, we may look forward with hope and joy to the future success of the Church's cause among the freedmen.

FORT VALLEY MISSION.

Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary.

Communicants 18

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms	$ 25 00
Parochial Purposes	10 00
Total	$ 35 00

Owing to the severity of the weather, the freshets and breaks in the railroad, and other circumstances beyond my control, I have not been able to give as frequent services at this point as I desired, but, from what has been given, I am encouraged to believe that what labor is spent at this point will be duly rewarded.

PERRY (HOUSTON COUNTY) MISSION.

Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary.

Communicants 11

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial Purposes $7 00

Services are held here only in the morning, as most of the communicants reside at a distance in the country, and I officiate elsewhere in the afternoon. The inconvenient distance of the homes of some of the congregation from our place of worship retards the growth of the Church, but our prospects are encouraging, and we have a fine opportunity to present the Church where before her claims were unknown.

MARSHALLVILLE MISSION.

Rev. E. DENNISTON, Missionary.

Communicants—Removed, 2; present number..... 5

The communicants here mostly attend my services at Perry and Fort Valley, as it is about equidistant, and I cannot give them a regular service.

There are other interesting places on the line of the Railroad, where I intended to hold services during the year, but was prevented from doing so by my inability to defray expenses owing to the stringency in money matters.

Soon after the meeting of the last Convention, I was greatly benefited by the gift (from the Church Prayer Book Society) of a large lot of Prayer Books and Tracts, the want of which had retarded my missionary work in the Diocese.

MARIETTA, May 5, 1874.

RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH:

Dear Sir—During the last year, owing to my own condition of health and family afflictions, I have been unable to do any public service besides a visit to Cartersville for Mr. Pinkerton and attending the Convocation at Marietta. Hoping that my physical infirmity may be removed, and that I may be able again to do active service for the Church,

I remain your obedient

Servant in Christ,

J. H GEORGE.

RT. REV. JOHN W. BECKWITH, D.D.:

During the past year I have held occasional services at different places when requested to do so.

I am at present acting as Assistant of Rev. Mr. Macauley, St. Luke's, Atlanta. Very respectfully,

W. H. HUNT.

RT. REV. JOHN W. BECKWITH, D.D.:

Since my last report there has been erected a house of worship in this community by the united efforts and contributions of several denominations of Christians, which is held in common, giving each untrammelled privileges. Here I hold a monthly service, at which the congregation seem much interested. These services greatly benefit those of our own communion who, from circumstances beyond their control, are deprived in a great measure of the regular services of the Parish Church. In this work I have but a limited supply of prayer books to meet the wants of the congregation. By the circulation of these books, when on hand, the people are inclined to draw nigher to us, and hence their prejudices give way in proportion as they become acquainted with our truly Scriptural method of worship. I have had, through the course of the year, but little time and strength to devote to the Missionary cause, and can only report the baptism of one white infant. May prosperity under God attend the Church everywhere.

Yours in Christ,

SAMSON D. LANEY.

REPORT OF THE SAVANNAH CONVOCATION.

To the Rt. Rev. John W. Beckwith, D.D:

The Dean of the Savannah Convocation respectfully reports: That substantial progress has been made by the Rev. Henry Dunlop, the Missionary employed by the Convocation. To his report we refer for statistics.

It seems scarcely possible to hold efficient or frequent meetings of Convocation in our sparsely occupied district. Perhaps with a Missionary regularly and constantly at work such meetings are not so important. We have been able to have but two—one in St. John's Church, Savannah, in December. Present, the Bishop and Clergy of the city, and three lay delegates. At this meeting the financial condition of the Convocation was put on a satisfactory basis, and the Missionary's salary provided for the ensuing year.

The other meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Darien. Present, only the Bishop, the Dean, and the Rector of the Parish.

An indication that the work of the Church is advancing within our limits is the number of new churches being finished, or in process of building, or in immediate contemplation. We specify St. Augustine's Chapel, Savannah; St. Mark's Church, on the Ogeechee; Church of the Messiah, on the Satilla; St. Mark's Church, Brunswick; and the old Parish Church is about to be erected on its former site in the village of Darien.

In behalf of the Savannah Convocation.

SAMUEL BENEDICT, *Dean.*

REPORT OF THE AUGUSTA CONVOCATION.

This body has met three times within the past year; once in Greenesboro', once in Milledgeville, and once in Athens. The fourth meeting called at Sparta in April, was postponed for a month for reasonable cause.

All our members show a deep interest, and heartily co-operate in our Convocation work. Our meetings increase in importance from year to year; and places already visited look forward to our coming again with no ordinary satisfaction.

With a few unavoidable exceptions monthly services have been held in Washington, different members officiating in turn.

Another year's experience confirms my judgment, that Canon IX furnishes all the machinery needed for Missionary work in the Diocese. The motive power for its efficient application must be sought in the constraining love of Christ, and a fuller self-consecration of our clergy and people to His holy service.

WM. H. CLARKE, *Dean of Augusta.*

REPORT OF THE MACON CONVOCATION.

Rt. Rev. J. W. Beckwith, D.D.:

I respectfully report in regard to the Macon Convocational District assigned to my care for the furtherance of Missionary work:

We have only one Missionary and but three settled Rectors, and they are so engaged that it has been impossible to come together as a Convocation.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson sustains a very successful mission in connection with his Parish. The Rev. Mr. Hunter is fully occupied in his charge.

I have held Mission services at Hawkinsville and at Americus in exchange (for the administration of the Holy Communion) with the Deacon in charge.

Special Mission services, sustained by the Rectors individually, or at most by two associates, is all that we can hope for in our district.

H. K. REES, *Dean of Macon District.*

REPORT OF THE ATLANTA CONVOCATION.

RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH, D.D.:

The Convocation of Atlanta has held four meetings during the year.

The first, by your appointment, met in Clarkesville. You were present, and can, therefore, form your own opinion of its influence.

The second met in Kingston. The practical results were three adult baptisms and four confirmations.

The third met in Marietta. Daily services were held, and sermons and addresses delivered to good congregations. The members of the Convocation felt that the services were beneficial to them, and I was assured that the congregations were deeply interested.

The fourth met in Cartersville in April, in the new Church edifice. It is certainly the most beautiful in Northwest Georgia, save one. The energy and perseverance with which the Rev. Mr. Pinkerton has pushed forward this enterprise is worthy of the highest praise. The congregation of the Church of the Ascension feel under the highest obligations to him. Now that the Church is completed, it is believed the Church will grow. The attendance of the Clergy at this Convocation was very full, but owing to the inclement weather the congregations were small.

Two of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Eppes and Elliott, have visited Gainesville, and express the opinion that there is a finer opening for the Church in that growing town than they have ever known in North Georgia. A gentleman of Florida sent us two hundred dollars, with which to purchase a lot for a Church there. He also sent us one hundred dollars towards the payment of the salary of a Missionary, and promised a like amount for two years. The Rev. Mr. Elliott officiated there last Sunday, and before he left a very desirable lot was selected. The price agreed on was two hundred and fifty dollars, and the friends of the Church there agreed to raise the additional fifty dollars. The deed has not been executed, but it is believed that before the Convention adjourns the lot will be conveyed to the Bishop and his successors in office. Steps will then be taken to raise money with which to build a Church.

We have at that point six communicants and quite a number of persons favorably disposed to the Church. The Convocation propose to give them a service once a month; but earnestly hope that you may be able to provide more frequent services by sending to this section an additional Missionary.

In addition to the communicants at Gainesville there are three at Summerville not reported from any Parish.

In conclusion, it affords me pleasure to state that there is a growing conviction among the Clergy that the Convocation is beneficial to them, and adapted to promote the spiritual welfare of their portion of the Diocese. We hope we are learning how to make the Convocation more effective. Plans are now under consideration to accomplish that object.

Faithfully yours, WM. C. WILLIAMS,

Dean of Atlanta Convocation.

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ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, DIOCESE OF GEORGIA,

TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION, 1874.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.			Confirmat'ns	Communicants.					Marriages.	Burials.	Schools		Contributions.						RECTOR.
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Added.	Removed	Died.	Withd'n	Pres't No			Scholars.	Teachers	Communion Alms.	Diocesan Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Ch. and Charitable objects.	Total.	
Christ Church, Savannah	55	9	64	41	...	31	5	..	476	15	32	176	26	$922 49	$1821 59	$17 25	$44 40	$ 6466 08	$ 9270 81	Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer.
St. Paul's, Augusta	39	8	47	16	30	22	7	1	315	6	37	150	20	811 45	832 00	146 40	12 85	6767 89	8570 59	" Wm. H. Clarke.
Christ Ch., St. Simon's									6											"
Christ Church, Macon.	19	7	26	22	22	10	5	4	232	6	11	233	23	298 00	78 25	14 00	.....	5763 43	6153 68	" B. Johnson.
Trinity, Columbus	42	14	56	53	26	5	5		226	10	18	125	12	177 15	142 95	.....	.....	6916 48	7236 58	" W. C. Hunter.
Grace, Clarksville									10											"
St. John's, Savannah	15	2	17	9	38	13	8		261	7	17	125	19	358 15	480 60	40 00	.....	9150 00	10628 75	" S. Benedict, D.D.
St. Stephens, Milledgev	4	1	5	4	7		1		40	1	3	40	6	25 80	9 15	.....		292 35	327 30	" J. M. Stoney.
St. Andrew's, Darien	3	2	5	15	28	2	3		107	13	9	49	4	.....	35 00	2 50	10 00	566 50	614 00	" R. F. Clute, D.D.
St. David's, Glynn Co.									8											"
St. James', Marietta	14	4	18	22	23	14	2		103	3	5	70	10	89 10	52 00	11 00	4 00	223 96	380 06	" W. E. Eppes.
Emmanuel, Athens	8	7	15	26	31	2	2	1	126	1	2	95	10	106 40	309 25			2684 66	3100 31	" A. I. Drysdale.
St. Peter's, Rome	17	3	20	30	42	11	3	3	197	2	13	120	21	94 18	59 44	10 50	49 85	2610 16	2824 13	" W. C. Williams, D.D.
St. Philip's, Atlanta	28	35	63	62	106	30		1	343	7	12	532	63	340 00	296 15	15 00	.....	11186 97	11838 12	" R. W. B. Elliott.
Zion Church, Talbotton	1	...	1		4				21					5 00				10 00	15 00	" E. Denniston.
Advent, Madison	1		1			2			9					7 00	5 00			8 50	20 50	" J. Knowles.
St. Paul's, Albany	3	1	4	7	7	7	4		57	2	5	40	7	100 00	4 60			161 00	205 60	" E. McClure.
Atonement, Augusta	32	12	44	34	73	4	3		189	2	15	80	13	25 00	36 35			3529 78	3591 13	" W. P. Kramer.
Good Shepherd, Cave Sp.	1		1						23									47 30	47 30	" S. E. Barnwell.
St. Stephen's, Savannah	26	6	32	12	20		2	6	121	3	11	86	12	69 49		8 00		294 41	371 90	" J. S. Atwell.
St. Mark's, Brunswick					1				100	1		50	8					12 75	12 75	"
St. George's, Griffin	2		2			3			60			38	7	30 00	28 65	100 00		538 50	697 15	"
St. Mark's, LaGrange						2			13			12	3		4 00			20 00	24 00	" E. Denniston.
Redeemer, Greenesboro'	2		2				1		15	1	2			11 00	3 00			2 00	16 00	" J. Knowles.
Ascension, Sparta	7	3	10	3	4	4	2		11			16	5							" J. M. Stoney.
St. Mark's, Dalton	7	1	8	6					30			40	7		1 75			289 90	291 65	" S. E. Barnwell.
St. Thomas, Thomasville	3	5	8	6	6				24			20	3	2 20				31 80	34 00	" P. T. Babbitt, D.D.
Mediator, Washington	1		1			1	1		14					40 00	6 00	2 75		105 00	153 75	" W. H. Clarke, Dean.
St. John's, Bainbridge				1	2	5	1		19	2	6	11	1		15 45		46 98	4 00	66 43	" P. T. Babbitt, D.D.
St. Paul's, Macon	10	5	15	14	24	1	7		105	5	15	100	9	118 45	20 05	14 00		2027 83	2180 33	" H. K. Rees.
Ascension, Cartersville	5		5	1	10	2			24	1		12	1	11 50	10 00	5 00		700 00	726 50	" S. J. Pinkerton.
Calvary, Americus	5	1	6	4	5				27	2		33	5	4 30	32 33			242 17	278 80	" F. Hallam.
Kingston Mission		3	3	4					6											" S. E. Barnwell.
St. Paul's, Newnan									12											" E. Denniston.
Good Shepherd, Sum'erv	11		11	3	3				51	2	4			178 35	44 50			1077 00	1299 85	" E. G. Weed.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—CONTINUED.

St. Luke's, Atlanta	31	2	33	16	15	7	..	..	51	4	11	130	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00	600 00	Rev. G. Macauley.
St. Mary's, Athens	21	17	38	31	14	2	1	..	68	3	1	134	14	33 35	29 00	.....	.....	113 05	175 40	" H. E. Lucas.
St. Mathew's, Savannah	42	8	50	30	36	24	4	..	147	8	18	100	11	53 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	78 00	" T. C. Stanley.
St. Luke's, Hawkinsville	1	...	1	1	1	...	.		10	...	...	30	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 30	11 30	" J. Knowles.
Savannah Convocation	23	12	35	10	48	1	2	1	169	4	3	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....	675 00	675 00	" H. Dunlop.
St. Augustine's Mission	51	4	55	12	12	...	1	1	40	2	6	85	6	20 50	.....	.....	.....	72 50	93 00	" J. R. Love.
Fort Valley, Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	18	...	...		..	25 00	.....	....	.....	10 00	35 00	" E. Denniston.
Perry Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	11	...	...	.....	.	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	7 00	" E. Denniston.
Marshallville Mission	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	..	5	...	...	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" E. Denniston.
Gainesville	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	..	6	...	...	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. C. Williams, D.D.
Summerville	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	3	...	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. C. Williams, D.D., Dean.
Total	530	182	702	495	638	215	70	18	4009	113	266	2731	348	$3,956 86	$4,381 06	$386 40	$168 08	$63,159 27	*72051 67	

* This amount would have been larger if *all* the Clergy had included the amount of their salaries in their reports.

NOTE.—The Committee on the State of the Church report adult baptisms, 152; number of communicants, 3,909. Reports which they did not have before them increase the numbers as in the above table. Adult baptisms, 182; present number of communicants, 4,009.

THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA *in Account Current with* EDWARD F. NEUFVILLE, *Treasurer.*

DR.] [CR.

1873. July 12.	To Expenses paid J. R. Johnson for Expenses of Missionaries at last Convention	$113 35
July 17.	Paid J. H. Estill for Printing Journal	459 40
1874. Feb. 2.	Paid McCalla & Stavely Printing Sermons of Bishops Beckwith and Stevens	270 65
April 3.	Paid Ins. on Bishop Beckwith's Life in Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company	143 15
April 7.	Paid Ins. on Bishop Beckwith's Life in Manhattan Life Insurance Company	145 00
April 8.	Paid Con. Expenses W. C. Williams, D.D.	15 00
April 8.	Paid Express Charges on Sermons	23 35
April 4.	Paid Bishop Beckwith balance of Salary to June 1, 1873	552 91
April 4.	Paid Bishop Beckwith on account of Salary for 1874	2788 20
May 4.	Balance on hand in Bank at disposal of the Bishop, received since his departure	749 50
		$5260 51

May 4.	Total amount paid Bishop and in Bank to date	$3537 70
May 4.	Balance due Bishop to June 1, 1874	$1462 30

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

St. Stephen's, Milledgeville	$42 00
St. Mark's, LaGrange	47 00
St. Mark's, Brunswick	55 00
Redeemer, Greenesboro'	16 50
Advent, Madison	24 00
St. Mark's, Dalton	58 50
Ascension, Sparta	15 50
Good Shepherd, Cave Spring	36 00
St. John's, Bainbridge	17 75
St. Thomas', Thomasville	23 50
Mediator, Washington	65 25
Good Shepherd, Summerville	82 00
St. Paul's, Macon	26 50
Trinity, Columbus	405 00
Emmanuel, Athens	120 50
St. Peter's, Rome	101 65
St. Luke's, Atlanta	42 00
Christ Church, Macon	350 00
St. Philip's, Atlanta	134 00
St. Paul's, Albany	101 50
St. Mark's, Brunswick	160 00
St. George's, Griffin	41 50
St. Luke's, Hawkinsville	15 00
St. Matthew's, Savannah	84 50
Total amount due	$2055 15

June 4, 1873

By Cash received from—	
Church of the Mediator, Washington	24 75
Christ Church, Savannah	1100 00
Convention Expenses	265 50
St. Luke's, Hawkinsville, Convention Expenses	7 00
Christ Church, Macon	316 50
St. Paul's, Augusta, Bishop's Salary	750 00
Convention Expenses	157 50
St. Paul's, Macon, Bishop's Salary	89 50
Convention Expenses	28 50
St. George's, Grillin, Bishop's Salary	25 00
Convention Expenses	15 00
St. Andrew's, Darien, Bishop's Salary	40 00
Convention Expenses	42 00
St. Peter's, Rome. Bishop's Salary	75 00
Convention Expenses	38 35
St. John's, Savannah, Bishop's Salary	750 00
Convention Expenses	128 00
St. Mary's, Athens, Bishop's Salary	75 00
Convention Expenses	28 50
Emmanuel Church, Athens, Bishop's Salary	54 50
Convention Expenses	45 50
St. Philip's, Atlanta, Bishop's Salary	400 00
Calvary, Americus, Bishop's Salary	10 00
Convention Expenses	10 50
St. Thomas', Thomasville, Bishop's Salary	25 00
J. L. Villalonga, Treasurer P. F. E., for balance of Bishop's Salary to June 1st, 1873	552 91
St. James', Marietta, Bishop's Salary	75 00
Convention Expenses	49 00
Church of Atonement, Augusta, Bishop's Salary	25 00
Convention Expenses	57 00
	$5260 51

EDWARD F. NEUFVILLE,
Treasurer Diocese of Georgia.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 4, 1874.

(D.)

DR. GEORGIA EPISCOPAL FUND *in Account with* J. L. VILLALONGA, *Treasurer.* CR.

1874.			1873.		
April 4	To paid E. F. Nuefville for Bishop Beckwith	$ 552 91	May 22	By balance on hand as per statement rendered	$ 283 29
May 1	To paid for 1 City Bond, $500 @ 85c	425 00	June 2	By Cash from St. Andrews' Church, Darien	5 00
May 4	To balance carried down	100 61	June 24	By Cash for Dividend S. W. R. R.	28 00
			July 1	By Cash for 4 A. & G. R. R. Coupons	70 00
			July 1	By Cash for 1 City Savannah Coupon	17 50
			Aug. 16	By Cash for 3 City Savannah Coupons	52 50
			Nov. 15	By Cash for 2 City Savannah Coupons	35 00
			Dec. 22	By Cash for Dividend S. W. R. R.	28 00
			1874.		
			Mar. 16	By Cash for 5 City Savannah Coupons	87 50
			Mar. 27	By Cash for 4 A. & G. R. R. Coupons	70 00
			Mar. 30	By Cash from Christ Church, Savannah	72 00
			Mar. 31	By Cash from Church Atonement, Augusta	21 00
			April 7	By Cash from Calvary Church, Americus	14 80
			April 9	By Cash from St. Philip's Church, Atlanta	78 50
			April 11	By Cash from St. Peter's Church, Rome	10 00
			April 13	By Cash from St. Mary's Church, Athens	6 15
			April 13	By Cash from St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville	10 40
			April 13	By Cash from St. John's Church, Savannah	32 53
			April 16	By Cash from Trinity Church, Columbus	14 00
			April 22	By Cash from St. Paul's Church, Augusta	40 00
			May 2	By Cash for 2 City Savannah Coupons	35 00
			May 2	By Cash from Emmanuel Church, Athens	55 75
			May 4	By Cash from St. Andrew's Church. Darien	2 50
			May 4	By Cash from St. James' Church, Marietta	9 00
		$1078 52			$1078 52
			1874.		
			May 4	By Balance in my hands this day	100 61

FUND CONSISTS OF:

Bonds City of Savannah	$4000 00
Bonds Savannah, Albany and Gulf R. R. (1st mortgage)	2000 00
Bonds Montgomery and West Point R. R.	2300 00
8 Shares S. W. R. R. Stock	800 00
One and a half years interest due on above Bonds—not paid	276 00
Cash on hand as per statement	100 61
	$9476 61

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SAVANNAH, May 4, 1874.

JOHN L. VILLALONGA,
Treasurer.

(E.)

DR. DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND *in Account with* JOHN R. JOHNSON, *Treasurer.* CR.

1873.		
May 24—To Expenses of Missionaries to Convention, 1873	$113 35	
July 17—To Salaries of Missionaries previous to Convention 1873	1565 29	
Aug. 31—To Salaries of Missionaries to August 1st, 1873	925 00	
Nov. 30—To Salaries of Missionaries to November 1st, 1873	1116 66	
1874.		
Feb. 11—To Salaries of Missionaries to February 1st, 1874.	1128 85	
May 1—To Salaries of Missionaries to May 1st, 1874	850 00	
May 1—To Contingent Expenses, say Discounts on Notes and Treasurer's Books	39 04	
May 3—Balance on hand	24 92	
	$5763 11	

1874.		
May—By Cash received from Committee appointed to settle with late Treasurer		$1242 71
By amount received from E. F. Neufville, Treasurer Diocese, amount advanced to pay Expenses of Missionaries to last Convention		113 35
By Contributions and Collections from Parishes, viz:		
From Christ Church, Savannah		1820 29
From St. Paul's Church, Augusta		811 00
From St. Philip's Church, Atlanta		434 60
From St. John's Church, Savannah		313 85
From Emmanuel Church, Athens		283 13
From Trinity Church, Columbus		145 45
From Good Shepherd Church, Summerville		106 61
From Christ Church, Macon		78 25
From St. James' Church, Marietta		56 00
From St. Peter's Church, Rome		54 04
From Atonement Church, Augusta		41 25
From Calvary Church, Americus		35 33
From St. Andrew's Church, Darien		35 00
From St. George's Church, Griffin		33 50
From St. Mary's Church, Athens		29 00
From St. Matthew's Church, Savannah		25 00
From St. Paul's Church, Macon		20 05
From St. John's Church, Bainbridge		11 75
From Redeemer Church, Greenesboro'		11 25
From St. Paul's Church, Albany		9 85
From St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville		9 15
From St. Mark's Church, Dalton		7 00
From Zion Church, Talbotton		7 00
From Ascension Church, Cartersville		6 85
From Grace Church, Clarksville		5 50
From Kingston Mission, Kingston		5 05
From St. Mark's Church, Lagrange		5 00
From Advent Church, Madison		4 00
From Mediator Church, Washington		2 30
1874.		$5763 11
May 2—By balance brought down		24 92

(F.)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, as Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, report, viz:

On Easter Monday, 1872, as per report, there was a cash balance on hand of	$652 91	
Contributions received from Churches in 1872	320 40	
Coupons on Bonds collected in 1872	380 63	
		$1,353 94
Paid to Beneficiaries		360 20
May, 1873—The cash balance was		$993 74
Bonds on hand, same as last report	$5,700 00	
There has been received since May, 1873—		
From Christ Church, Savannah	83 30	
.. St. Paul's, Augusta	75 00	
.. St. James', Marietta	21 50	
.. St. John's, Savannah	38 40	
.. St. Andrew's, Darien	5 00	
.. St. Mary's, Athens	3 40	
.. Church of the Atonement, Augusta	9 00	
.. St. Philip's, Atlanta	24 70	
.. Good Shepherd, Augusta	10 00	
.. Trinity Church, Columbus	18 10	
.. St. Peter's, Rome	17 00	
		$305 40
oupons on bonds and interest collected		661 77
		$1,960 91
Paid to Beneficiaries	394 44	
$1,700 of City of Savannah Bonds, purchased for	1,298 00	
		1,692 44
Cash on hand,		$268 47

And that the Fund now consists of—

City of Savannah Bonds, as per list at foot	$6,900 00
A. & G. W. Railroad Bonds	500 00
Cash on hand	268 47
	$7,668 47

The undersigned having been elected Wardens just previous to the last Convention, and this fund not having been placed in their hands, no report could be made. We now come forward in behalf of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church and relinquish this trust, in conformity to their notice and resolution at the last Convention, and in making this, their final report, hereby notify the Convention that the Assets of this Fund are now ready for delivery to such authorized person or persons as the Court may designate, and they would suggest that no delay occur in the appointment of their successor or successors, thus avoiding inconvenience to beneficiaries and securing proper attention to the remittances from the several Churches and investment of the income.

JOHN WILLIAMSON,
WM. HUNTER,
Wardens.

EASTER MONDAY, 1874.

LIST OF BONDS.

No. 33—City of Savannah	$100	No. 58—City of Savannah	$100
No. 468—City of Savannah	500	No. 84—City of Savannah	500
No. 193—City of Savannah	1000	No. 38—City of Savannah	1000
No. 109—City of Savannah	500	No. 82—City of Savannah	500
No. 420—City of Savannah	500	No. 105—City of Savannah	100
No. 297—City of Savannah	1000	No. 102—City of Savannah	100
No. 186—City of Savannah	500	No. 579—City of Savannah	500

Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Bond, endorsed by City, No. 367, for $500.

(G.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SETTLE WITH MR. W. W. LINCOLN.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to adjust the accounts of Mr. Wm. W. Lincoln, late Treasurer of the Diocesan Missions, respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and have paid over to Mr. John R. Johnson, the present Treasurer of the Diocesan Missions. the sum of twelve hundred and forty-two (1,242) dollars seventy-one (71) cents, being the amount found by the late Convention to be due from Mr. Lincoln, with interest on the same. The Committee desire to say that in making this adjustment they received every assistance from Mr. Lincoln which it was in his power to bestow.

WM. HUNTER,
R. H. FOOTMAN,
JOHN A. GUERARD,
Committee.

(H.)

Dr. FUND FOR INFIRM AND DISABLED CLERGY *in account with* RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH. Cr.

June 20, 1873	To cash received from	St. Paul's, Augusta..	$ 30 25
July 9, "	— " " " "	" " ..	10 25
Aug. .. "	— " " " "	" " ..	1 00
Nov. 20, "	— " " " "	St. Andrew's, Griffin.	7 25
Apr. 11, 1874	— " " " "	Emmanuel, Athens...	18 00
" " "	— " " " "	St. Peter's Rome.....	13 00
" 19, "	— " " " "	Christ Church, Sav'ah	77 00
" 22, "	— " " " "	" " "	22 00
" " "	— " " " "	" " "	15 00
" 26, "	— " " " "	" " "	10 50
	— " " " "	St. Philip's, Atlanta..	26 00
			$230 25

July 9, 1873	By check paid	Rev. J. H. George.....	$40 50
Dec. 24, "	— " " "	same.....	8 25
Apr. 14, 1874	— " " "	same.....	31 00
" 20, "	— " " "	same.....	77 00
" 22, "	— " " "	same.....	37 00
" 27, "	— " " "	same.....	10 50
May 7, "	— " " "	same.....	26 00
			$230 25

JNO. W. BECKWITH,

Bishop of Georgia.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.

ARTICLE I.

The Church in this Diocese, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

A Convention of this Church shall be held annually at such time and place as the previous Convention may appoint; provided, however, that no Convention shall be opened for the transaction of business unless there be present at least five clergymen and delegates from five congregations. In case of an epidemic or other sufficient cause, the Ecclesiastical Authority may change the time and place; and in case no Convention be formed, the standing officers of the last Convention shall hold their respective offices until successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE III.

The Ecclesiastical Authority shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a Special Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the Authority calling it shall determine, and at such *Special* Convention no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in good standing, regularly settled and continuously exercising clerical functions in any existing parish, or who shall have been for six months last past performing missionary duties under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to the privileges of a member of the Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of this Church canonically resident for six months last past within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction, or disabled by reason of age or

infirmity from exercising clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote; provided, that no clergyman entitled to vote shall, by reason of age or infirmity, lose that privilege. Each Church or congregation in union with this Convention shall be entitled to three Lay Delegates, baptized persons, to be chosen from its own body by the wardens and vestrymen thereof; provided, however, that the minister, or (in his absence) the delegate or delegates present at any Convention may supply any vacancy in the delegation, if he or they should find at the place of meeting a member or members of the congregation which they represent.

ARTICLE V.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention by a majority of votes; provided, that they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and are regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen, at discretion, not exceeding eight.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention shall deliberate and act as one body, unless when a member shall call for a division on any question, in which case each clerical member shall be entitled to one vote, and the Lay Delegates of each congregation *jointly* to one vote, and a majority of both orders shall be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE VII.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* President of the Convention. In case there be no Bishop, or in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from the clerical members present.

ARTICLE VIII.

At each Annual Convention a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen, to hold their respective offices until their successors shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, or cause to be received, at each Annual Convention, the assessments upon the Parishes in the Diocese for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention and the support of the Episcopate—and also to pay the Bishop quarterly, in advance, the amount of salary pledged to him by this Convention—making a faithful return of all such acts in his annual report to the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

A Standing Committee shall be chosen at each annual meeting of this Convention, to consist of three clerical and three lay members; of the time and place of whose meetings due notice in writing shall be given to all the members thereof, at least one week before the time of such meeting; provided, however, that by unanimous consent a meeting may at any time be held without such notice. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The Standing Committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their election, and choose a President and Secretary from among their own number; and it shall be the

duty of the President to call a meeting of the Committee whenever he shall be required to do so by any three members of the Committee. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE X.

The Convention shall, triennially, at the session immediately preceding the meeting of the General Convention, elect four clergymen, with their respective alternates, and four laymen, with their respective alternates, who shall be communicants of the Church, residents in this Diocese, as Deputies to the General Convention. The Deputies so elected shall be authorized to represent this Diocese in that or any Special Convention till their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE XI.

A proposition for altering and amending this Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention; and, if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention, when, upon consideration again, if it be approved by a majority of the Convention, it shall be adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

All elections shall be by ballot, unless the ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent; and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

CANONS.

CANON 1.

NEW PARISHES.

Whenever any number of persons shall desire to form a Parish, they shall first obtain the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority and adopt Articles of Association in the following form:

"We, the undersigned, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in... ....county of.... ...and State of Georgia, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ..... Church ....., and as such do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitutions and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia, and we do accordingly appoint A. B. and C. D. to be Wardens, and E. F., G. H. and I. J. to be Vestrymen of.....Church, to continue in office till Easter Monday, A. D.,.....and until others be chosen in their place. And an election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held on Easter Monday of each successive year.

"Witness our hands, this.....day of....., in the year of our Lord....."

They shall elect two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen, not less than two nor more than eight. A certified copy of the articles of association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, signed by the Wardens, may then, if approved by the Ecclesiastical Authority, be laid before the Convention. If approved by that body, delegates from such Parish may take their seats in the Convention and the Parish shall be considered as united to the Convention and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

NEW PARISHES WITHIN EXISTING PARISHES.

When any number of persons shall desire to establish a Parish within the bounds of any existing Parish or Parishes, they shall give due notice to the Minister or Ministers thereof, or in case a Parish be without a Minister, then to the Vestry of the same. In forwarding to the Ecclesiastical Authority their application for permission to organize a new Parish, they shall enclose the written approval or disapproval of the Minister or Ministers, the Vestry or Vestries aforesaid, or, in case he or they fail to give either, a certificate of the fact. If the Bishop approves, the new Parish may apply for admission to the Convention.

CANON III.

PAROCHIAL BOUNDARIES.

The bounds of a Parish shall be the limits of any village, town, city or county as fixed by law, or section of a county which may be recognized by the Bishop acting with the advice of the Standing Committee. If there be but one Parish within such village, town, county or section of a county, it shall be deemed the parochial cure of the Minister having charge thereof. If there be two or more Parishes therein, it shall be deemed the cure of the Ministers thereof.

CANON IV.

ELECTION OF WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

The election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall take place annually on Easter Monday, unless some other day be specified in the Act of Incorporation, or permitted by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The Wardens and Vestrymen shall be qualified voters in the Parish electing them Except when otherwise specified by Charter or Act of Incorporation, the following named persons shall be alone entitled to vote: All male communicants over twenty-one years of age who shall have been connected with the Parish by actual communion for three months prior to the day of election: all pew-holders and holders of single seats, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who have been pew-holders or holders of seats for three months prior to the day of election, and in free churches all males over twenty-one years of age who shall have handed their names to the Rector or Senior Warden as worshippers in the Parish for six months prior to the day of the election, provided no person shall be deemed a qualified voter in any Parish who does not accede to the terms of the Articles of Association as contained in Canon I.

CANON V.

MEETINGS.

The Rector or Senior Warden, or in the absence of both, the Senior member of the Vestry present, may call a meeting of the Vestry, and he shall call it at the request of three members thereof. The Rector is *ex-officio* Chairman

CANON VI.

OF DIFFERENCES ARISING BETWEEN CLERGYMEN AND VESTRIES.

§ 1. In case of controversy between any Rector or Assistant Minister of any Church, or Parish, and the Vestry of such Church, or Parish, which cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, may make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall thereupon make a list of all the Presbyters residing in the Diocese and entitled to seats in the Convention, and also a list of all Lay Delegates, communicants of the Church, elected to the Convention of the Diocese next preceding the appeal to the Bishop. He shall then summon the said Rector, or Assistant, and some member of the Vestry, a communicant of the Church, to attend, and the said list shall be reduced to three Clergymen and three Laymen, by the Rector, or

Assistant, and the other party, striking off names alternately, the Rector commencing. Should either party omit or decline to exercise the privilege, the Bishop shall strike off the names in the stead of the party so omitting or declining.

§ 2. The Presbyters and Laymen thus selected, or designated, shall be summoned by the Bishop to attend, at some convenient time and place, to consider such controversy.

§ 3. If it shall appear to the Bishop and a majority of such Presbyters and laymen thus summoned, that there is no hope of a favorable termination of such controversy, and that a dissolution of the connection between such Rector, or Assistant Minister, and congregation is necessary to restore the peace of the Church and promote its prosperity, the Bishop and such Presbyters and Laymen shall recommend such Minister to relinquish his connection with such Parish, or church, on such conditions as may appear to them proper and reasonable.

§ 4. If any Rector, or Assistant Minister, shall refuse to comply with the recommendation of the Bishop, Presbyters and Laymen, the Bishop and Presbyters may proceed, according to the Canons of this Church, to suspend him from the exercise of any ministeral functions within the Diocese, until he shall retract his refusal; or, if the Vestry shall refuse to comply with such recommendation, they shall not be allowed any representation in the Diocesan Convention until they shall have retracted their refusal.

CANON VII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

§ 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial in this Diocese, it is necessary in the first place that a charge be made against him, in writing, to the Standing Committee, under the proper signature of at least two male communicants and one Presbyter, all of whom belong to the Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall find the offence charged to come within the offences enumerated in Canon II, Title II, of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form:

To the Rt. Rev. A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia:

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hands of E. F. and G. H., of (*here recite the charge or charges.*) and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canons in such cases made and provided. (*Signed by the Standing Committee.*)

§ 2. Upon the receipt of the foregoing presentment, the Bishop, if he deem it expedient to proceed with the trial of the case, shall make, or cause to be made, a list of all the Presbyters residing in the Diocese, and entitled to seats in the Convention. He shall then summon the accused to attend, and the said list shall be reduced to five, by the Bishop and the accused striking off names alternately, the Bishop commencing. Should the accused omit or decline to exercise this privilege, the Bishop shall strike off the names in his stead. The Bishop shall then summon the five Presbyters thus selected, to meet at some time not within ninety days, at some place within the county

where the accused shall reside or officiate for the time being; and the said Presbyters, or a majority of their number, shall sit as the Court with power to try the case.

§ 3. The Bishop shall forthwith furnish to the Standing Committee and to the accused, a list of the Presbyters summoned to constitute the Court, accompanied with a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Court. The Standing Committee shall, at least sixty days before the trial, furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment, notice of the time and place of trial, and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges, together with a list of the witnesses. The Standing Committee shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who shall be a communicant of this Church, of five years standing, and of the profession of the law, who shall conduct the prosecution. And the accused may employ counsel with the like qualifications.

§ 4. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble and choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted.

§ 5. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer in person, or by counsel, according to the notice served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause to be allowed by the Court, they shall proceed to pronounce him guilty. But if he shall appear, the Court shall proceed to the trial on the presentment, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence; and if he be found guilty, the Court shall declare to the Bishop to what ecclesiastical censure he ought, in their judgment, to be subjected.

§ 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings which shall contain a copy of the presentment, of the specifications, of the notice to the accused, and of his answer, with the evidence, both oral and written, and of the final judgment of the Court; and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing, a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same charges. If the Court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such a decision; or he may approve the judgment, and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure as the case may, in his judgment, require, whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry; provided the penalty be not greater than that expressed in the judgment of the Court.

§ 7. The Bishop may, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, suspend any Clergyman, against whom proceedings are instituted under this Canon, from the exercise of his official duties pending the trial.

§ 8. Every summons, notice or citation mentioned in these proceedings shall be served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, by a person duly appointed in writing by the Bishop, Standing Committee or Court, as the case may require. Should the

accused absent himself from the Diocese, so that he cannot be served personally, the Bishop may suspend him at discretion.

§ 9 The expenses incurred in trying a Clergyman under this Canon shall be met by the Treasurer of the Diocese out of the Convention Fund.

CANON VIII.

DORMANT PARISHES.

§ 1. Whenever any Parish shall for three years fail to elect a Vestry, or make the report required by Canon XV, Title I, of General Convention, unless the reasons for these failures are satisfactory to the Bishop, he shall report the fact to the Convention. If the Parish shall not, by the next Annual Convention, be revived, its union with this Convention shall cease, and shall not be restored until it shall comply with the conditions prescribed in Canons I or II of this Diocese.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to take the necessary steps to preserve the property of such Parishes for the benefit of the Church.

CANON IX.

ON MISSIONS.

§ 1. The Missionary operations of the Diocese shall be under the control of the Bishop. He shall appoint the Missionaries and fix their stipends.

§ 2. He shall divide the Diocese into any number of Missionary Districts not less than four; and shall appoint the Presiding Officers thereof, who shall be styled Deans. The Clergy shall, as far as is consistent with their parochial duties, perform Missionary work within their respective districts, under the direction of the Bishop. They shall also meet in Convocation at such times and places as may be appointed by the Bishop or by the Dean, or by vote of the Convocation, with the Bishop's approval. Any Parish or Missionary Station, within any Convocational District, may send one lay deputy to each meeting of the Convocation. Each Convocation may adopt rules for the government of its members in their endeavors to carry out the provisions of this Canon.

§ 3. In the months of January, April, July and October, there shall be an offertory for Diocesan Missions in every Parish and Missionary Station; with the consent of the Bishop the months for the offertory may be changed by any Rector or Missionary.

§ 4. At each Annual Convention a Treasurer shall be elected, who shall hold his office until his successor shall be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive all funds collected for Diocesan Missions, and pay the Missionaries quarterly, in advance, making a return of all his acts in his Annual Report to the Convention. His books shall always be open to the inspection of the Bishop or any person appointed by him.

§ 5. At each Annual Convention there shall be a public missionary meeting, on which occasion there shall be such services as the Bishop may appoint.

CANON X.

REGISTRAR.

§ 1. The journals, files, papers, reports, title deeds, and other documents belonging to this Convention, and throwing light upon the history of the

Church in this Diocese, or in its parishes, shall be committed to the keeping of a layman to be elected annually by the Convention, who shall be known as the Registrar of the Diocese.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of said Registrar to procure all journals, files, papers, reports, title deeds, and other documents now in existence, which serve to illustrate the history of the Diocese, or of any portion thereof, past or present; to arrange, label, file, index, and otherwise put in order and provide for the safe keeping of the same and all such others as may hereafter come into his possession, in some safe and accessible place of deposit.

§ 3. The expenses necessary for the purposes contemplated by this Canon shall be provided for by vote of the Convention, and defrayed by the Treasurer thereof.

CANON XI.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the Wardens of each Parish to make a written report to the Bishop, at each annual Convention of the Diocese, of the temporalities of the Church, which shall embrace a statement of the property, Rector's salary, and financial condition of the Parish.

CANON XII.

COLLECTIONS.

§ 1. A collection shall be made annually in all the Congregations within the Diocese on Christmas day, or on the Sunday next, before or after, for the support of the widows and orphans of Clergymen of the Diocese.

§ 2. A collection shall be made on Easter Day, or on the Sunday before or after, in aid of the Permanent Fund for the support of Episcopate.

CANON XIII.

DUTY OF VESTRIES TO HAVE ASSESSMENTS PAID.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the Vestry of each Church in connection with this Diocese, to pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention quarterly, in advance, the amount of the assessment laid upon the Churches respectively represented by them, for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese.

§ 2. The Vestry of each Church in union with the Convention shall pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, the sum of twenty-five cents for each white communicant, annually, for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention

CANOX XIV.

DUTY OF PERSONS RENTING PEWS.

It shall be the duty of the officer, whether Treasurer, Church Warden or Vestryman, renting a pew or seat in the Parish Church, to report in writing to the Rector, the name of such person or persons, as soon as possible after the time of renting.

CANON XV.

LEGAL RIGHTS NOT PREJUDICED BY CANONS.

Nothing in these Canons shall prejudice the legal rights of any Parish or Vestry already existing by an Act of Incorporation.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The Convention shall be opened with Morning prayer and a Sermon, delivered by a Clergyman appointed by the Bishop, and the administration of the Holy Communion. The Convention shall then organize for business as follows: The Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Ecclesiastical Authority, and note those present. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates of election on the Secretary's table, and these shall be referred, without motion, to a Committee appointed by the Chair. Said Committee shall report thereon, and the Secretary shall call the names of those whose certificates are in due form, and if there be a quorum present the organization shall be deemed complete. The business of each subsequent day shall begin with the order of Morning Prayer, and a Sermon if so appointed.

RULE 2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.

RULE 3. The order of doing business in the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of a Secretary by ballot.
2. The appointment of the Committees of the Convention and Special Committees.
3. The Annual Address of the Bishop.
4. The reading of the Parochial Reports.
5. Reports from the Committees of the Diocese.
6. Reports from the Treasurers.
7. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Elections by ballot of Treasurers, Standing Committee of the Diocese, and Deputies to the General Convention.

RULE 4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

RULE 5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

RULE 6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the Convention.

RULE 7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be drawn into debate the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any question. may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, or on the succeeding day, move a reconsideration of said vote.

RULE 8. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

RULE 9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it or divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay on the table and to adjourn shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

RULE 10. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 11. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless personally interested, or excused by the Convention from voting.

RULE 12. When the Convention is about to rise or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Vestries of the several Parishes be earnestly requested to obtain Communicants, if possible, to represent them in the Conventions of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, with the advice of the Rector, to select and appoint in each Parish one zealous Christian woman, whose duty it shall be to collect twenty-five cents from each member of the congregation; the amount raised to be forwarded in the first week in June to the Bishop, to be applied by him to the relief of such clergymen in the Diocese as may be disqualified by age or infirmity for the discharge of their clerical functions.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Vestries of our Churches in this Diocese, to discourage the use of the Churches under their care, for all "*unhallowed, worldly and common uses.*"

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, of the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans, and for the Permanent Support of the Episcopate, are directed, at least two weeks before the days appointed by the Convention for taking up collections for these objects, to notify all the Ministers of the Diocese of the appointed days, that they may make the proper collections.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Minister having the charge of any Parish or Missionary Station, in case he shall, from any cause, fail to take up any collection ordered by the Convention at the appointed time, to give his reasons for such failure in his annual report; and that it shall be the duty of the Committee on the State of the Church to set forth in their report at each Convention what Parishes or Missionary Stations have failed to take up the collections ordered by the Convention.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Convention that *all* amounts raised in the respective Parishes for Church or benevolent purposes, including the salaries of the Rectors, should be embraced in the Parochial Reports.

THE STYLE AND TITLE OF CHURCHES.

The proper style for a duly incorporated congregation is, "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen (or else the Church Wardens and Vestrymen), of ..... Church, in .....," the first blank being left for the name of the Church, the other for that of the place.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, or Wardens and Vestrymen (if no Rector be present), of .... held on the ..... day of ..... the following person, or persons, as the case may be, viz: K. L. M. N., and O. P., were duly elected to represent this Church in the next Convention of the Diocese, to be held in ....., on the ..... day of ....., 18..

The above certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, or in his absence, by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry.